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The New Secretary. Rev. Lewis G. Wilson has been appointed by the Board of Directors of the American Unitarian Association to fill the unexpired term of Mr. St. John as secretary.

Mr. Wilson was settled in Hopedale, Mass., one of our most prosperous country parishes, for nearly twenty years. After his successful ministry in this interesting and important parish, he rendered efficient service for two years as a lecturer on "Unitarianism" on the Billings Foundation, travelling extensively in the West and visiting many of our churches.

The President. Dr. Eliot has been held pretty closely to the office all summer, the work of preparation for the International Council requiring constant attention. He has preached every Sunday. His appointments have been at York, Bar Harbor, and North-east Harbor, Maine; Concord, Beverly, Fairhaven and Manchester, Mass.

The Secretary. Mr. St. John took July for his vacation. In August he preached at Arlington Street Church and King's Chapel, Boston; Manchester, Mass., and Beverly, Mass. During August he has been on duty at the office. On September 14 the secretary brings to a close his term of office, which has lasted seven years and four months. Due regard for his health has made it clear that it is best to return to the more regular life of a settled pastorate. He retires from the service of the churches with an increased respect for the work and opportunity of the Unitarian body. The conviction has grown year by year in his heart that Unitarians are destined to render a steadily increasing religious service to this country, and indeed to the world. Their spiritual earnestness, their intellectual freedom, their alertness in keeping step with the progress of mankind, makes them prominent among the natural leaders of the world. They have but to be faithful

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Western Conference. Rev. W. M. Backus, the secretary of the Western Conference, is not as busy during the vacation months as he is during the time of church activity; but he finds enough to do to keep him at his post. Almost all of the Western churches close during July and August, people and ministers going for more or less of the time to places of recreation. The fact that the ministers are away makes it important that the secretary should be ready for such calls as may be made for service.

There are some of our churches that do not close at all, and some that have only one month of vacation. These are usually in the smaller places. The first Sunday in July was devoted by the secretary to the dedicatory services at Harrietta, Mich. Rev. M. S. Buckingham, who ministers to this society, continues his work throughout the year. The new church edifice is a beautiful little structure. The people of the society are very proud of it. The Unitarian people who made possible its early erection may feel that their aid was well given. The second Sunday in July was given to some who were bereft and whose minister was too far away to call upon for words of comfort and consolation, as they said good-bye to their departed friend. For three weeks in the vacation months the faithful clerk of the Western Headquarters, Miss Lina Scheible, has her vacation. For many years she has proved herself the devoted friend of our cause in the manifold duties of her position. During the time of her absence it falls to the lot of the secretary to keep the office open; but, owing to the dulness of the season, he is able to preach Sundays. They do not go to the meeting after the manner of their fathers, but many of them drive to the church in automobiles. The fourth Sunday was delightfully spent with the church at Monroe, Wis. It is a lately established custom of this society to use the last Sunday before vacation for a grove-meeting. In a beautiful wood near the city the secretary had the privilege of preaching to Mr. Palmer's congregation. It was a delightful day and a large gathering. The people of this society lament the fact that their minister is compelled by ill-health to resign. The first Sunday in August was devoted to rest at home. On the second Sunday the secretary preached for the Lithia Springs Chautauqua. Brother Douthit's work at Lithia has been very successful this year on the educational side, but from various causes the attendance has not been as large as last year. While there the secretary was present at a meeting of the directors of the Association, at which it was voted to turn the property over to the American Unitarian Association, if it would accept and establish a Unitarian Chautauqua at Lithia. The third Sunday was spent with the friends of the Pleasant Hill Church. The summer has been hot and sultry, but because of this the crops so backward early in the season are now as advanced as they should be. There is every prospect of great crops, and every evidence of prosperity throughout the Central West. The secretary sees in this condition a missionary opportunity that our denomination ought not to be slow to grasp.

Northern Merritt S. Buckingham, Field Agent. On July 6 and 7 ...

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located room on the ground floor of the Grange Hall building. The services in this progressive, beautiful little city have not been largely attended, owing to the absence of many liberal people from town on Sundays during the summer season. Audiences of interested people, ranging from twenty to fifty in number, have regularly greeted the minister. Approximately more than twenty families are already interested in the movement. The congregation is organized in a simple way, a secretary and treasurer having been elected.

At Bendon a liberal society has been organized, and preparations are being made for the erection of a church, to be constructed of cement blocks. A lot has been secured. Some lumber is already on the ground, and five hundred dollars, including the value of building materials contributed, have been raised. The field agent held a conference with some of the officers of this society August 12, and was gratified to learn that the work of raising money is going on, regular meetings of the Aid Society are being held, and that soon, probably in the early fall, work on the new building will be commenced. Bendon is about to be included in the regular work of the circuit. The first liberal religious services are to be held there in the school building, August 25.

July 21 and August 4 services were held in the new church at Harrietta. The Sunday-school of the People's Church of Harrietta was organized in the afternoon of July 21 with a membership of forty-five. A circulating library, sent out by the Wayland Branch of the Women's Alliance has been received, and is greatly appreciated. The church at Man- during July and August.

Summer Services.

Bayside and Hull. Services in these two places have been carried on during July and August under the auspices of the First Parish at Hingham, and under the personal charge of Mr. Sidney Robbins of the Harvard Divinity School. Morning services have been held in the Town Hall at Hull, and afternoon services in the Episcopal Chapel at Bayside. Conditions at the Hull Peninsula are changing so rapidly that Protestant services will not be supported much longer, but the work this summer has been very satisfactory.

Falmouth, Mass. Unitarian services have been held during August at the lower Town Hall, the preachers for this season being Rev. Messrs. Park, R. S. Forbes, E. H. Hall, and Willard Reed. At West Falmouth the Unitarians unite with others in maintaining simple services, which they like to call family prayers.

Nahant and Magnolia. At Nahant and Magnolia there exist beautiful union chapels. The services during July and August are equally divided among the Unitarian, Orthodox Congregational, and the Episcopal bodies. This year the Unitarian preachers at Nahant have been Rev. Messrs. James De Normandie, Crothers, A. M. Lord, and Park. The preachers at Magnolia have been Rev. Messrs. Foote, Holmes, Maxwell Savage, and Fenn.

Isles of Shoals. The work at the Isles of Shoals for this season has been unusually successful under the de-

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attendance ranged from forty to sixty-eight. A fifteen-minute sunset service was held each Sunday on the piazza of the Oceanic Hotel, and was attended by nearly every guest at the hotel. At 8.15 P.M. a candle-light service in the meeting-house was held for the benefit of the help of the hotel and the fishermen on the islands. Many of these worshippers were young teachers or college and high-school students. The average attendance at the evening service was about forty. The public interest in all the services has been very great, and Mr. Scott reports that he has found his work very satisfying.

York Harbor. The York society is now among the strongly established summer congregations. Services are maintained from the 1st of July to the first Sunday of September, inclusive. The preachers have been Rev. Messrs. Goldsmith, G. H. Reed, James De Normandie, A. M. Lord, S. A. Eliot, Fenn, Reid, Park, and F. R. Griffin.

Bar Harbor. Services have been maintained from June 2 to September 1 inclusive. Rev. Lewis G. Wilson preached from June 16 to July 7. Rev. Messrs. A. H. Brown and Thomas Van Ness each preached two Sundays, and the following officiated one Sunday each: Rev. Messrs. S. A. Eliot, F. W. Pratt, W. S. Jones, Park, Peabody, and A. R. Scott.

Winter Harbor and Prospect Harbor. The work at these two summer stations has been under the care of Mr. R. P. Doremus of the Meadville Theological School. He has made Winter Harbor his central station, preaching there in the afternoons, and carrying on a Sunday-school after the service. The attendance at Sunday-

while the permanent residents at Winter Harbor are chiefly Baptists. Larger success has attended Mr. Doremus's work at Prospect Harbor, where he has preached morning and evening, and carried on a Sunday-school, thus giving himself practically five appointments for each Sunday. The interest of the permanent residents at Prospect Harbor in the Unitarian work is very considerable, and it would seem as if it would be advantageous to carry on services there for eight months in the year instead of two.

Ocean Point. Services at Ocean Point, Me., have been conducted, as usual, in the beautiful Casino, and under the efficient supervision of Prof. Samuel Emerson of Burlington. The preachers who have given their services during the season were Prof. Emerson, Revs. A. G. Pettengill of Portland, T. J. Horner of Melrose, Lewis G. Wilson of Boston, and Mrs. Clara B. Beatley of Boston. The services have been exceptionally well attended. Special mention should be made of the helpful and inspiring sermon given by Mrs. Beatley, who, with her family, drove over to the Point from her summer home at Lobster Cove. It was a stormy Sunday, but there was a good attendance, and every one present was very grateful to Mrs. Beatley for her splendid message. It is hoped that it will not be taxing her strength too far to report this generous and uplifting service at some future time.

Naples, Me. The seventh year of the summer services at this church opened on the first Sunday in July, under the continued direction of Rev. George M. Bodge of West Roxbury, Mass. A fortunate chance this year secured the service for two Sundays of Rev. J. H.

ily at their beautiful cottage, "Carey Croft," was actively interested in promoting the welfare of the church and the village community. Mr. Pratt preached on August 4 and Mr. Bodge on the other Sundays up to September.

The numbers of summer people are increasing every year. New cottages are being built and occupied on both shores of the lake, bringing new sources of courage and prosperity to the residents. The hotels and all boarding places were filled. Our church services have been well attended and sustained.

Wolfeboro, N.H. There have been no regular services in the church here for about two years. In July and August the church was opened for summer services, and Rev. H. T. Secrist, during his vacation, took charge of them. The attendance has been good, and the interest has warranted the effort.

Good work has been done here in the past. Some of the leaders have passed away and others are discouraged. There is a church building which is in need of only slight repairs to make it suitable and attractive. There are a number of families who are Unitarian and who want Unitarian services. They are well to do and live in a prosperous town.

There are many summer people in and about the place, and some of these would help support the church. But this summer the main effort has been to reach and arouse the permanent residents.

There is need of our church here. No other liberal church is in the field. Lately a revivalist, employed by the other churches, has made it more than ever impossible for one of our faith to attend the students of the Brewster Free Academy, an excellent and growing preparatory school. And there is a positive work which an active Unitarian church can do for the moral, social, and spiritual life of the region.

With such a field and with such forces as may with care and patience be relied upon and developed, there is no reason why regular services should not be resumed at once. The plan is now that the church shall remain open. It is a promising field for a brave worker.

Churches that are never Closed.

An increasing number of our Unitarian churches make it a point not to close their doors at the time of the minister's vacation. Information is not at hand for giving a complete list of such churches, but a few typical ones may be mentioned. Union services have been held at the Arlington Street Church, Boston, the Westminster Church in Providence, the North Church in Salem, and the Church of the Messiah in New York. At the Arlington Street Church and the Church of the Messiah the work has been under special charge,—in one case in charge of the assistant minister, Rev. R. F. Leavens, and in the other in charge of Rev. Albert Clark of Schenectady. King's Chapel in Boston has been open every Sunday, the Unitarian preachers being Rev. Messrs. Fenn, Everett, T. C. Williams, Bulkeley, E. R. Shippen, St. John, Batchelor, Christie, S. A. Eliot, and J. C. Street of Sheffield, England. At Beverly, Mass., the preachers have been, in addition to the pastor, Rev. Messrs. Park, Butler, Hussey, S. A. Eliot, Reccord, and St. John. Other

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Once more the Alliance is called to prepare for a new season of work and to make good the prophecies of the past by renewed interest and loyalty. A new executive board has been elected and while president and secretaries remain the same, a new treasurer, a new vice-president and twelve new directors will ensure sufficient change to satisfy the ardent believers in rotation in office and prevent any danger of stagnation or monotony. Each change brings new elements of strength to the board and new points of view for the consideration of all important questions.

The efficiency of organized effort no longer needs to be advocated, it has been sufficiently demonstrated in all branches of Alliance work, but perhaps it may not be superfluous to reiterate the fact that the Alliance is a national organization and that the good of the whole country and the interests of the Unitarian denomination as a whole are to be considered more than the demands of any section or part. It is chiefly interest in the Alliance principle and conviction of the necessity and importance of the religious and missionary work which holds the branches together while allowing them to be diverse in methods and plans. Still a certain amount of unity is necessary to secure good results and remembering President Eliot's vigorous argument for "team play" as the way to strengthen the usefulness of the Unitarian fellowship, the Alliance branches will surely work *together* for the common good.

The generous contribution of the present parishes to be sustained, discouraged groups to be upheld and the missionary enterprises which the Alliance considers to be peculiarly its own to be continued, with Post Office Mission work enough for every Unitarian woman to do.

The Manual for 1907 which is now ready will repay attention containing as it does the vital Alliance statistics with much important information. The branches number 360 with 16,200 members. A large future increase in branches is hardly to be expected as few churches are now without a branch, but the number of members should certainly be doubled the coming year. In every congregation there are opportunities for answering the perpetual question "Why should I belong to the Alliance?" and for Alliance members to show what it is for and what it can do. More money has been raised than ever before, the amount reported being $123,-704.84. Formerly more money was given for specific purposes, $2,000 being given to a single church; now much more is appropriated, but widely scattered for a multitude of objects.

Again it is necessary to speak of reports which need not be the bugbear the name seems to imply. It is only by frequent communication with the branches that the directors obtain information and if secretaries would each month send an abstract of their own records it would be sufficient. Exact statistics of the treasury are not what is wanted but a general statement of the condition of the branch and what it is doing. Then when called upon by the

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This is quite different from the annual statement asked for by the corresponding secretary, which should be a *report* in the full sense of the word, to be incorporated in the Manual and which is due June first of each year.

The report of the National Post Office Mission committee is another part of the Manual that should be carefully considered. It is desirable that every branch should do some Post Office Mission work in the way of distribution of literature. Like the Beloved Vagabond we would say "You have the great responsibility before you. It is for you to uplift a corner of the veil of Life and show joy to men and women where they have not sought it."

The Executive Board held its regular meeting in Boston on September 13th 1907, with seventeen present. Mrs. W. J. Jarvis was elected director for Illinois and Mrs. Charles J. Staples director for Vermont. Resignations of Mrs. Reeve of Massachusetts and Mrs. Doolittle, of Wisconsin were received and regretfully accepted.

Much time was taken for the consideration of the forthcoming meetings of the National Conference and the International Council which will be over before this number of Word and Work is printed. Many of the arrangements for hospitality are in the hands of the Alliance and the headquarters will be a resting place and rendezvous for guests from a distance. Interpreters and guides have been provided, the season of the year is most propitious for beautiful weather, and the carefully arranged programmes promise meetings full of interest.

The proposed leaflet on Hymns and Hymn Writers is to be issued after the

the subscription list and hopes to secure a sufficient number of new ones to make the little paper nearly if not quite self-supporting.

The regular work in the Southern field seems to be going on well at all points. Mr. Gibson reports his visits to Faceville as very encouraging and hopeful. At Swansboro, White Oak, Bear Creek and Queen's Creek the attendance when Mr. Gillilan has preached has been excellent. At Swansboro, where the Baptists have lately held protracted meetings and talk against Unitarians and Unitarianism has been loud and bitter, it has seemed wise to try to enlighten the people by telling them what Unitarians really do believe. So Mr. Gillilan has started to preach a series of doctrinal sermons. His first was on "Sin and its punishment" and the second on "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." The Sunday school at Shelter Neck is increasing in numbers and the attendance at regular church services has been larger. The church has been newly painted through the efforts of the Alliance branch. Mr. Cowan has built some seats under the oaks in his own yard to accommodate those in that neighborhood and from Burgaw. He has also preached at Horse Branch and Cypress Creek and is trying to arrange for services in two or three other places.

The use of Dix House at Shelter Neck was again granted to the Southern Educational Committee for a school the coming winter.

The New Jersey branches have organized a sort of clearing house for Cheerful Letter work, and suggest that other states do the same, to aid the National Alliance Cheerful Letter department thereby pro-

Letter organization consisting of the several state chairmen, whose secretary shall have a complete list of the correspondents in her state; this state secretary shall send such list to the secretary of the National Cheerful Letter Exchange Committee."

With a card at Alliance headquarters for each correspondent in *all* the states, it will be a simple matter for a state secretary or a local branch chairman to write there for information about correspondents.

The committee on Appeals presented the following report which is given in full.

As the autumn approaches and the vacation season ends the Branches of our National Alliance all over the country will be taking up the good work with renewed vigor and zeal. The Committee on Appeals would commend to their consideration the list of appeals approved by it, the approval being confirmed by the National Board.

One of these appeals, that of London, Ontario, was approved and placed before the Branches in 1906 and is nearly completed. The original appeal was for $400. and the last report from it was that $50. was needed.

The appeals from Rock Rapids, Iowa, for $100., from Elizabeth, New Jersey for $200. and from Flatbush, New York for $500. were all approved and placed before the Branches in June but little if anything has been received as most of the Branches are inactive in the Summer.

The need of money for New Headquarters at San Francisco, to take the place of those destroyed by the earthquake, was also placed before the Branches last year and about $600. was received. This amount is insufficient and this need is still before the Branches.

for Bath, New Hampshire and $900. for Jacksonville Florida were presented to the Board and also endorsed.

In addition we have the perennial appeals for Grace Chapel, Green Harbor and for Meadville Students. All these appeals, exclusive of the San Francisco Headquarters, add up to a little over $3,000. a small amount when divided among our 350 odd Branches which raised according to the Manual of 1907 $123,704.84.

Some further details will be of interest at this time. The little church at Rock Rapids, organized in 1899, has had to contend with many troubles, loss of members, a debt of $1,400. and opposition from the other churches. The Alliance Branch of ten members has undertaken to pay the debt at the rate of $140. a year, but find it a difficult and discouraging task. They meet every two weeks or oftener and are ready to do anything to make money. If the whole letter of their Secretary could be given here it would give a touching picture of their struggles and hopes, but a short quotation must suffice, "My heart is full when I think of our church. We all love it as we would a child we had nurtured. I do not know what the outcome will be but we think if we can live to pay off the debt we shall pull through. It is about half paid now. Truly if we had not joined the National Alliance we should not be in existence now I am sure, but it is something to feel we are not all alone but one of the mites that go to make up the whole of the glorious Women's National Alliance."

The church at Elizabeth New Jersey had land and $200 given them and has raised or had pledged $1,600. They expect to borrow $2,000. of the Loan Fund and when they have raised the $1,600 to $2,500 can begin to build. The

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The Flatbush church or the Fourth church of Brooklyn, N.Y. is felt to be an important movement and worthy of support. The people are generous and helping all they can but the outlay is large and taxes them to the limit of their capacity. If they can get the lift from the Branches to help in paying for the furnishings it will be a great service to them. Their minister Rev. Leon A. Harvey says "We all believe very much in the future of the church here and feel sure that the strength of the Alliance Branch will shortly be such that it will do its part toward helping movements which are passing through the struggle of the building years."

The church at New London, Connecticut was organized in 1898 but now under a new minister, Rev. Howard C. Ives, they feel they have come to the time when they must have a church building if they are to grow and live. They are trying to raise $15,000. and to start free of debt. They will receive help from the American Unitarian Association toward their building. Any money received from the Branches will go toward the furnishings. Connecticut is a field we would like to cultivate and has at present only four established churches.

The church in Bath, New Hampshire, is a small one but is a feeder to the churches in larger towns and cities, as the young people go to these places in search of a wider field for work as soon as they are old enough. Last year after great effort on the part of minister and people a suitable parsonage was secured. This year the church building must be repaired to preserve it, at a cost of $200. The parish will undertake to raise $100, and they come to the Alliance asking for the other $100. The minister, Rev. A. N. Somers says "I trust that our needs will appeal to the generosity of the good people who can help us that I may be able to get this little

And now we turn from the North to the South, to the last appeal on our list, Jacksonville Florida. This movement has the approval of the officers of the American Unitarian Association who feel that it is a promising one, sure to succeed in the end, but needing help at the start. Miss Low, our President, and Mrs. Peterson of our Board feel the same after talking with the minister and some of the people. This church has also come to the point where a building is necessary for further life and growth. Their lot is purchased and they have $4,000 available toward the building, leaving $8,000. still to be raised. The secretary of their Branch writes "Whatever is accomplished for us will be gratefully appreciated and we eagerly await the welcome assurance that our hope of having the stated amount raised for us through the generosity of our sister Branches is not without foundation."

This is the story in brief, of the appeals now before us. Let the Branches carefully consider the facts and figures here set forth and then prove the national character of our Alliance. Let the West give to the Eastern appeals and the East to the Western, let the North help the South and the South the North, and each its own particular section, while all remember the need on the far Pacific coast. "Many a mickle makes a muckle." Let the Branches prove the truth of this old adage and so far as possible each give to each appeal on the list, the richer Branches generously from their abundance and those whose treasuries are small give their mites.

In this way our appealing churches will be cheered and encouraged and the spirit of fellowship and good-will will be spread among our Branches.

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Any additional information regarding the appeals will be gladly given upon application.

The appeal for Grace Chapel, Green Harbor, Mass. is an annual one. For some years to come it will remain a mission church though it may eventually become self-sustaining. Green Harbor is a fishing village in the town of Marshfield the historic home of Daniel Webster. Until 1880 it was a community without any church, when Mrs. Fletcher Webster became interested and gave the use of a cottage for Sunday services. As it seemed wise to continue the work Mrs. Webster gave the cottage for a parsonage and a lot of land on which to build a church. The American Unitarian Association and various branches of the Women's Auxiliary Conference succeeded in building a pretty chapel which was dedicated in 1882. Since then it has been largely in the care of the Alliance. The people pay the running expenses and $200 of the minister's salary, and both church and parsonage are entirely free from debt. The American Unitarian Association makes an annual appropriation and the Alliance makes up the rest.

The Meadville Theological School has always been an important feature in Unitarian work and from the beginning the Alliance has felt it a privilege to assist one or more students each year, $250 being asked for. This is one of the things the Alliance can do, to secure for some worthy student the training which will help him to the ministry where men are so much needed.

Miss L. Freeman Clarke has prepared a paper for reading to Alliance Branches and clubs, called "New Light on the Story of the Life of Jesus." This paper is not one of those intended for *lending*, but to be read by the writer, when visiting a Branch. Its object is to show that by understanding the central aim and idea of Jesus light is old mechanical methods of reading the Gospels, (such as The Temptation; The story of driving the money-changers from the Temple, etc.).

Address Miss L. Freeman Clarke, 91 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass.

The fall meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held in Manchester, New Hampshire, Thursday, October 17.

The morning session will be given up to reports of local branches and to a discussion of the aims of the Alliance Branches led by national directors. After the box luncheon the subject of the Church and its Work will be presented in three addresses. Rev. Henry C. McDougall of Franklin, Rev. Frank K. Gifford of Laconia, Rev. Charles E. Park of Boston.

Train will leave Boston at 9 o'clock A.M.

Many study classes will be interested in a little book lately published called "A Wicket-Gate to the Bible," by Rev. W. C. Gannett. Primarily for Sunday schools and Young People's Unions, it is admirably adapted to study classes in the Alliance. If followed according to suggestions offered, the author says "The Bible may become to you a joy for your life,—one of the great highlands of literature, to which you will love to return, as to the hills."

The appeals are as follows:—

London, Ont.	$50.00
Rock Rapids, Ia.	95.00
Elizabeth, N.J.	195.00
Flatbush, N.Y.	500.00
New London, Conn.	900.00
Bath, N.H.	100.00
Jacksonville, Fla.	900.00
Green Harbor, Mass.	400.00
Meadville Students	250.00

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The second regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1907–1908 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1907, at 1 P.M. Pres. Arnold presided, and there were present: Miss Floyd, Messrs. Green, Harwood, McMurdie, Melcher, Perkins, and Wahlberg.

The Sec. read the minutes of the June meeting that were approved, and reported the joining of two Life Members, —Mrs. Geo. M. Whipple and Miss Freeman.

The Treas. read the following report that was accepted:

Cash on hand, June 1, 1907, ...	$1,129.76
Receipts, ...	52.59
Expenditures, ...	558.65
Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1907, . . .	$623.70
In Reserve Fund, ...	606.16
" Pur. Trust Co., ...	17.22
" Office, ...	.32
	$623.70

The Treas. read a letter of thanks from Rev. Sidney B. Snow of Palo Alto, expressing appreciation of the gift of $208, the especial missionary offering from the unions, and mentioning a gift to the National Union of a series of framed views of the Palo Alto church. The Treas. also reported bills to the amount of $128.48. After some discussion

VOTED: to approve the month's bills.

VOTED: that the Finance Com. arrange a floating debt of $200.

Mr. Wahlberg suggested that there be a Young People's Day, on which contribu-

The following amendment to this was offered:

That the Finance Com. report at the next meeting some means of appealing to the Unitarian body-at-large for its assistance, as a means of carrying on our work as an important missionary body.

VOTED: that the plan be to raise $150 or more for the missionary work of Proctor Academy, and $150 or more for speaking trips to the West.

VOTED: that the Association be incorporated under the Laws of the State of Massachusetts, under the title of the Young People's Religious Union, and that a committee to attend to this matter be made up of the Pres., Treas., and Mr. Percy A. Atherton, these to appoint the incorporators.

The Pres. and Sec. were appointed delegates to the National Conference on Monday, Septemper 23.

VOTED: that 2 delegates represent the Y. P. R. U. at the International Council, these to be appointed by the Pres.

The Sec. reported for the Cal. Com. that a daily memorandum pad, with quotations for each day, had been arranged, the name to be "The Peace Cry."

As there was no further business

VOTED: to adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary.*

Union Notes

Disciples' Guild, Boston.—"Our Guild has just completed a successful year and is looking forward to another still busier. The President and Secretary will be glad to give or receive information of any kind."

West Bridgewater, Mass.—"The Y. P. R. Union of West Bridgewater, having closed a very successful year financially, as well as spiritually, we hope, sends this hoping to encourage some union as small in

have a small portion to finish at the opening of our work after the vacation season. Several of our young people compose our choir at the Sunday service, assisted by an older member who deserves much thanks for his faithful service. During the year it has been the means of having two fine lectures, one by Rev. Thomas Van Ness and an illustrated lecture which was exceptionally fine, by Rev. M. B. Townsend of Randolph, also helping in other little social events. In a financial way the members, acting as a committee, served a supper in the church vestry in April, $33 being realized, which was given toward the church fund. The young people, having taken it upon themselves to raise money for repairs in the church vestry, held a lawn party July 29 on the grounds surrounding the church, at which $47.63 was realized. We have a neat little sum thus laid away, and hope for a prosperous year in which we may behold the fruits of our labors, in having a new 'old home' place for future meetings. Young people, take courage and work, and you will surely win; and remember that on you rests the future of the church of our faith."

Randolph, Mass.—"Our Young People's meeting is doing finely at last. We hold it every two weeks, and one Sunday we had an attendance of thirty-one. We had a most interesting speaker, whom we all enjoyed,—Mr. Melcher from your National Union."

Hanska, Minn.—"The Look-Up-League has had an active and interesting year, with a membership of forty. We have held seven meetings, at the home of the members, every other Saturday evening."

Rochester, N.H.—"We have some young people who need *something to do*, and I know of nothing better than a Y. P. R. U."

Toronto, Can.—"We have a very successful Unity Club here in Toronto, and our

cents is charged, and these suppers add much to the social life of the club. We are often joined by older members of the congregation on other occasions. The Club's meetings always begin early in October with a 'Corn Roast' out in the country and usually end with a dramatic entertainment, the latter taking place May 17th this year. Both our minister and Mrs. Cutcheon are enthusiastic and loved members of our Club, and almost all the young people of the congregation are members. We support a cot at the Lakeside Hospital for Sick Children, furnish flowers for the Sunday service, and try in other ways to do some helpful work in the community. When formed in 1879 the Club was called the Young People's Association, but about 1894 took the name of Unity Club."

Hamilton, Ont.—"Although we enjoy our work, it makes us feel good when we think we belong to the National Union. This is all new work to me, but we are made perfect by our mistakes. The young people all seem to enter into the work heartily and we have been much encouraged. Our first step was to see about a musical instrument as we had only a very small organ, and we feel quite encouraged with the report from that committee. At our first meeting there was a paper read on 'The Possibilities of Young People of the Twentieth Century' which brought forth quite a discussion and was certainly very interesting. We meet every two weeks as most of the Union belong to the Emerson Class as well. Our young people of our Union, while all liberal minded, do not all belong to the church, but we hope to interest them enough so they will in time. The members all respond when asked to help in regard to music and general discussions which make it very encouraging."

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for our Biennial Bazaar to be held in Channing Hall and the adjacent rooms, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, and 2. As it is the intention of the committee to make this the most successful of any attempt of the kind, a great many articles will be needed on the tables in order to attract the large number of buyers that we hope will be on hand: so if your union has not already pledged itself to do something by way of helping on the cause, will you not take it upon yourself to see that some action is taken *at once*, that every union may feel that it is represented in some way? If too far away to offer helpers and workers, contributions of money and articles will be greatly appreciated; and remember that every little helps. Coin cards for dime collections may be had on application to Miss Floyd or the National Secretary.

Distant unions will be given an opportunity to be represented by availing themselves of the offer of the Hospitality Committee to provide accommodations for those living too far away to be able to return home evenings. Near-by friends and union members, able to extend the hospitality of their homes for Thursday and Friday nights, will aid the committee by sending their names and addresses, the number of delegates they can entertain, as well as instructions for reaching their homes, and any other information, to Mr. O. A. McMurdie, 25 Beacon St., Boston. Those, desiring such entertainment, must be sure to state the dates, and specify whether for one night or two.

The fair opens Thursday, Oct. 31, at 2 o'clock and closes Saturday, Nov. 2, at 5 P.M. On both Thursday and Friday evenings the fair will be open until 10, during which time a pleasing entertainment, consisting of fancy dancing by several young and hope to meet a large number of friends and well-wishers.

Lunch will be provided each day by a committee in charge, so that friends and assistants, for a modest sum, will find something substantial by way of food in the building, thus avoiding the necessity of going outside at the noon and dinner hour.

Remember the dates—*Oct.* 31, *Nov.* 1, *and* 2.

The 1908 Calendar

The Calendar Committee begs to report that the 1908 Calendar is now being printed. The title chosen is "The Peace Cry." The cover bears a symbolic design in two colors, and there is a page ($3\frac{1}{4}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$) for each day in the year. Each page has at the top a quotation, and these quotations develop the cause of Universal Peace. There still remains ample room for memoranda, and in this respect the Calendar cannot fail to be of use to all professional and business men, and to every housekeeper and woman of affairs.

It will be remembered that the Union, at its annual business meeting last May, passed resolutions heartily endorsing the Peace Movement, and your Committee has proceeded with the idea that this Association would do a forceful work in the world by getting the subject before the three thousand people who, it is hoped, will purchase this Calendar.

The Calendar will be complete in itself, but any one having a Standard Calendar holder will find that this pad can be used with it to advantage.

As the calendar is more expensive to

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Samples of the Calendar can be seen at Room 11 after September 23.

For the Committee,

JOSEPHINE BRUORTON, *Chairman.*

Unitarian Union-at-Large

With this month we begin a new year of service in the Union-at-Large. Our aim of maintaining and stimulating the interest of our scattered young people in the life of the Unitarian church met with a hearty response from many quarters last year, and it is to be hoped that the coming months will mean to us a large increase in the value and extent of our work.

We would ask first the co-operation of the seventy young people who avail themselves of this opportunity to keep in touch with Unitarian work. They can help us greatly by telling us just how far our efforts answered their needs, by letting us see our work from their point of view, and by sending us suggestions which may broaden our field of usefulness.

We ask again the kind assistance and approval of the ministers of the churches. To them we look for the names of any young members of their congregations who are to be absent for the year, and a personal word from the pastor will do much toward strengthening our work.

This work will be carried on as before by letters, by the distribution of Word and Work, and by the interesting published sermons of the A. U. A.

Will not all who know of any young people who might be benefited by this Union-at-Large, send the names and *addresses* to Miss Elizabeth Loring, Room 11, would like to add the names of a hundred or more of our friends to this list. The price is $10 per member, and the money goes into the Reserve Fund, the income of which we hope will soon grow to such a sum as will aid us materially in carrying on our work.

The Shoals Meetings

These meetings were represented officially by the Pres. and Sec., the former presiding at a delegate meeting in the Stone Chapel on Thursday noon, July 11, when a company of about 50 people came together and listened to a few remarks from Mr. H. G. Arnold, Rev. John H. Holmes, and one or two others, followed by brief reports of the 18 unions from the 5 states represented.

Points and Lines

Since the last issue one of our oldest members, the Littleton Guild, celebrated its twentieth anniversary with special music, interesting remarks by several friends, and refreshments.

Rev. Sidney B. Snow, pastor of the Palo Alto church, has recently presented Room 11 with a framed picture containing five views of the new church, four of which subjects give a very good idea of the size and style of architecture of the interior.

The Union-at-Large now numbers 73: it has already proved its usefulness and will no doubt be the direct means of holding to our Unitarian cause many a young man or woman, remote from the home church and its influences.

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UNITARIAN WORD & WORK

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. Edwin G. Brown has taken charge of the work in Aroostook County, Me., preaching for the societies in Presque Isle and Fort Fairfield. Rev. Robert S. Loring is in charge of re-establishing the church in Iowa City, Ia., and has already secured a lot for the new church building. Mr. E. M. Slocombe has been ordained and installed minister at Augusta, Me., and Mr. D. R. Freeman at the Third Church, Dorchester, Mass. Rev. F. A. Weil has accepted a call to Bellingham, Wash. Rev. C. W. Casson has resigned at Ottawa, Can., to devote his whole time to the work of the Paragraph Pulpit and to the diffusion of Unitarian principles by means of the secular press. Other resignations are those of Rev. E. R. Shippen at the First Parish, Dorchester, Mass., Rev. J. E. Locke of Windsor, Vt., Rev. Hedley Hall, Moline, Ill., and Rev. N. W. Tupper at Humboldt, Ia. Rev. A. T. Bowser has resigned at Wilmington, Del., to accept a call to Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. H. E. Latham has resigned at Westboro, Mass., to accept a call to Eastport, Me.; Rev. E. S. Tre-

New Buildings. The new church buildings at Rowe, Mass., and Dunkirk, N.Y., will be dedicated this month. The new Westminster Church at Providence, R.I., was dedicated September 29, and the Simmons Memorial Church at Kenosha, Wis., September 22. The new churches at Montreal, Canada; Flatbush and Schenectady, N.Y., and St. Louis, Mo., are nearing completion. The societies in Jacksonville, Fla., Boisé, Ida., Allegheny, Pa., Elizabeth, N.J., and Champaign, Ill., are actively engaged in raising subscriptions for their church buildings. The lots are bought, and the new buildings will be started as soon as possible. The society in New London, Conn., is preparing to buy property, and the society in West Somerville is anxious to complete the purchase of its lot preparatory to building in the spring. The church in Middleboro, Mass., has been successfully removed to the newly acquired and splendidly located lot which has been given to the society. During the summer extensive repairs and improvements, including painting and decorating, recarpeting and,

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Billings Lectureships. The lecturers on the Billings Foundation for the month of October have all been delegates to the International Council. Prof. T. G. Masaryk of Prague has visited the different colonies of Bohemians between New York and Chicago, gathering his fellow-countrymen for lectures or preaching services and endeavoring to bring them into communication with Unitarian centres of influence. Mr. Jozan of Budapest, Hungary, has made a similar journey, visiting the Hungarian Unitarians in Cleveland, Alliance, and Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, Ill., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Homestead, Pa., and Washington, D.C. He makes a very interesting report. On the Sundays of his journeys he preached in the Church of the Unity in Cleveland and in the Third Church in Chicago. Rev. Max. Fischer of Berlin has gone as far as St. Louis, preaching to the German-speaking peoples and particularly to the German Evangelical Reformed churches. Rev. Valentine D. Davis of London has been to Ann Arbor, Chicago, Meadville, and Rochester. All have now returned to their homes. Upon their reports will be based the work which the Association desires to inaugurate among our fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech.

Paragraph Pulpit. Rev. C. W. Casson of Ottawa, Canada, has resigned his charge in order to give his entire time and attention to the Paragraph Pulpit work which he invented and has carried forward with marked success for the past year. His method has proved of great value in the diffusion of our principles. He publishes in the daily press, the "pulpit" which will be bright, brief, and explanatory. He will, in the course of the coming winter, present the cause of this press propaganda to the churches and endeavor to make it self-sustaining. The press furnishes us a pulpit from which thousands might receive our message, and the promotion of this new enterprise is commended to the people of our churches.

Journeys. The secretary of the Association, Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, has been absent from his office all the month of October, visiting the churches and conferences in the Central West. He has spoken at the State conferences at Ann Arbor, Mich., Minneapolis, Minn., Sioux City, Ia., Lincoln, Neb., and Bloomington, Ill., and visited many churches along the route. He returned to represent the Unitarian fellowship at the meeting of the Universalist General Convention in Philadelphia on October 25. In the round of conferences Mr. Wilson has been accompanied by Mr. Backus, the secretary of the Western Conference, and, in consultation with other fellow-workers, they have planned the work of the Western Department for the coming year.

Rev. William T. Brown, field secretary for the Rocky Mountain Department, arranged for and conducted a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference on September 17 and 18, at Denver, Col., where the representatives of the churches in Colorado, Utah, and Idaho gathered for an inspiring session. The Montana churches were too distant to participate in this conference, and Mr. Brown therefore arranged for a special session of the conference at Helena. On this journey

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have been supplied by Rev. Stephen Peebles.

Last Year's Record. What, in concise statement, was actually accomplished with the $150,000 contribution which the Unitarian churches gave to their National Association last year?

The money so generously contributed enabled the directors to give financial aid to ninety-seven churches and missions, and to maintain the work of the different field secretaries in the six departments of the Association's activity. Twelve new churches came into existence, and movements that may be expected to result in the organization of churches were carried on in seven other places. Two churches were revived and reopened, and circuit preaching carried on in many sections of the country.

Twelve new church buildings and two parish houses were dedicated, and four others are now nearly ready for dedication. Property was bought for the purpose of church building in six of the centres of influence named in last year's appeal, and contributions made to the building funds of two new societies.

360,000 tracts and many thousand books and pamphlets designed to diffuse our principles were distributed. Seven churches were supported in college town centres. The expenses of the International Council were adequately provided for. The Tuckerman School for Parish Assistants was established, with a guarantee fund for its first years, and the Association was enabled to actively co-operate with the various societies for the promotion of Christian unity.

The following are some of the new enterprises which the directors desire to undertake. There is needed, in excess of the regular budget, about $40,000 for these purposes.

1. We desire to establish new societies at such centres of influence as South Brooklyn, N.Y., Birmingham, Ala., Dayton, Ohio, Wheeling, W. Va., and Winnipeg, Man.

2. We want to secure property for the use of the new societies in Brookline, Mass. (Second Society), New London, Conn., Oklahoma, Okla., Bellingham and Everett, Wash., and Eureka, Cal.

3. We desire to extend the work of the Publication Department by the diffusion of our principles through the secular press, and in particular to extend the work of the "Paragraph Pulpit."

4. We wish to carry forward the spirit and work of the International Congress by establishing in the great centres of the country interdenominational councils or conferences which will represent and promote the spirit of religious liberty, fraternity, and serviceableness.

5. We want to materially enlarge our work for the New Americans, and to start organizations among the Hungarian, Italian, and Bohemian populations. We wish also to print tracts in large quantities in the languages of these people.

6. We wish to co-operate as far as possible with all organizations and societies that promote Christian fellowship and good will, and to claim our place in the vanguard of the movements that bring all liberal Christians into unity of purpose and endeavor.

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National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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Miss Florence Everett, *Clerk*. Office hours 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The monthly meeting of the Executive Board was held on Oct. 11th 1907 with twenty-one present. The most successful visit to Sudbury, Mass. on Oct 2, when the New England branches had a Field Day was reported. The large attendance, the bountiful hospitality and the generous sum resulting from the sale, made the occasion a memorable one.

The resignation of Mrs. Alma Faunce Smith, a Massachusetts director is made necessary by her removal from the state and was received with great regret.

The Cheerful Letter Committee reported many new names received. New lists have been prepared and if any one fails to receive the paper after subscribing, notice should be sent to headquarters.

Attention is called to a circular issued by the Post Office Mission committee of special interest to those branches where there is no P. O. Mission.

Several matters in the North Carolina circuit requiring attention, the committee on Southern work unanimously urged the chairman, Mrs. Peterson, to go to Shelter Neck herself. Accordingly she left Boston on Oct. 2d, and reached Shelter Neck in time for the service on the next Sunday of which she took charge. Mrs. Peterson will stay some weeks in North Carolina making her headquarters at Dix House. Mr. Gillilan is preaching at the accustomed places and has been invited to hold a service at Kinston on the Newburn and Goldsboro line. Through the kindly co-operation of the S. S. Society, three dozen hymn books—a Book of Song family at Greensboro where he will be conveniently located to carry on his work at the smallest possible expense. He reports continued interest wherever he goes and certainly uses every occasion for extending a knowledge of our faith. "For fifteen years he has served faithfully and given himself unsparingly to the cause, spending very often from his own little income that he might help where help was needed to advance our cause" is the testimony of the chairman of the Southern committee.

No new appeals were received but a letter from Meadville was read expressing the need of assistance for pupils at the school and hoping that the Alliance branches would continue their interest. The prospect for new students is better than for several years.

In reply to several requests the Executive Board has voted that it is unwise to establish a subscription list for Word and Work. About 1,700 copies are now sent out, each branch receiving at least three. Hereafter it will not be sent to vice-presidents of branches and members of national committees other than chairmen, unless specially asked for. Others desiring it may have it on payment of 25 cts. a year, it being the wish of the board that those caring for it should receive it but that no copies should be wasted.

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The meeting of the International Council of Unitarian and other Liberal Religious Thinkers and Workers was a memorable

Countries through the Alliance leaflets and the spoken and written words of Mr. Wendte who has unsparingly answered every request for information. To see and hear the representatives of those foreign lands was a privilege greatly enhanced by the knowledge previously gained by reading and discussion in the branch meetings.

The afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 25th was allowed for an Alliance meeting in charge of a committee of the National board. Like the other meetings of the week the attendance was overwhelming and Channing Hall advertised as the place of meeting could only accommodate an overflow, the main audience being transferred to a larger hall in the vicinity. Special seats were held for foreign guests and every foot of standing room was eagerly sought by Alliance members. The speakers were chiefly the women who had come as delegates from other countries.

Miss Low presided and with her on the platform were grouped the venerable Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, of Boston, Mrs. Judith W. Andrews, the first president of the Alliance, Mrs. S. E. Hooper, so long the staunch bulwark of this society, Miss Lilian F. Clarke, a well-known power in the Post Office Mission, Lady Bowring, of Liverpool, England, Miss Mary E. Richmond from Wellington, New Zealand, Miss Van Eck of Holland, Miss Von Petzold, of Leicester, the only woman minister in England, and officers of the Alliance. In her opening remarks Miss Low outlined and explained the work of the Alliance, its beginnings and its accomplishments, and the special functions of the different departments. Emphasis was laid on what the Alliance had done for

Miss Van Eck spoke in English for the first time. In describing the religious work of women in Holland she touched upon the Postal Mission work in which she was especially interested; the religious work of women in the Sunday School; District Nursing; Toynbee Hall work, and work among neglected children. The women very seldom came together in conventions. Dutch women are hard workers and are more religious than theological. The Dutch Sunday School is quite independent of the church, and includes children of many kinds of parents.

The Postal Mission conducted by the Liberals is a descendant from English parentage and from Miss Ellis in America, and is now a fine family. From a beginning in 1895 at Leyden it has grown rapidly, and in ten years some 34,724 books and pamphlets have been sent out. Two ministers and two women do the bulk of the work and the most common question is "What do Free Christians Believe?" The letters received are real biographies.

Mrs. Davis, Nat. Cor. Sec. being asked to outline the Alliance work in the P. O. M. explained how the foundation was laid by Miss Ellis, in Cincinnati. She was then a parishioner of Mr. Wendte, and began by answering letters sent to the minister. Mrs. Davis also paid a tribute to Mrs. Brooke Herford, one of the early workers in this field. Last year the national committee received a report of 265,560 tracts sent out.

Miss Von Petzold of England followed with a plea for the work of women not only in the ministry but in the government. As an ardent suffragist in England she looked forward to the time when men and women should be entirely equal in

closed with a strong plea for perfect recognition of women in the 20th century.

Lady Bowring from England was then introduced by Miss Low, and briefly responded with a message of warm affection from our "English Cousins" across the sea, and a word of appreciation of the remarkable courtesies extended the visiting delegates.

Lady Bowring was followed by Miss Mary E. Richmond from New Zealand, who was received with prolonged applause. Miss Richmond expressed her astonishment at seeing so many Unitarian women together. She then gave a description of the two youthful Unitarian churches in Wellington and Auckland and the present outlook. "A free religion fits a free people." "The world," said Miss Richmond, "will be better when women know what they want, and ask for it plainly." The meeting was closed by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, the audience rising in her honor. Mrs. Howe likened the conference to the great concourse at the building of the Temple of Babel, and used this effective figure in hoping that the great tower of liberal thought now building by the different nations should be one of strength and purpose.

At the close of the meeting tea was served to 250 guests. During the week the headquarters of the Alliance were used as a rest room and gathering place between sessions of the Council. Opportunities were furnished for conference with Post Office Mission workers, and a luncheon was given by the National P. O. M. committee to delegates from abroad interested in the Mission.

The Alliance sent the President and both whole week was profitable and delightful for every Alliance member who was fortunate enough to be in Boston.

Some years ago the Alliance was instrumental in collecting a Library for Charleston, S.C. which has been of very great benefit to Unitarians and others who have freely used it. There is now need of an additional supply of books, especially modern fiction, many of those first sent being quite worn out. Books or money may be sent to Alliance headquarters, 25 Beacon St. Boston, or branches near by may send directly to Rev. C. M. Gray, Charleston, S.C. A small appropriation from each branch will be most welcome.

It has been an excellent custom for branches within visiting distance of each other, to hold neighborhood meetings, inviting delegates when some speaker or some local event made the meeting of unusual interest. In these days of rapid transit there is no easier or pleasanter way of extending the fellowship so desirable. One little word of warning may be given lest the branches become rivals in the way of entertainment. One branch begins with tea and crackers at the close of the meeting, the next offers sandwiches and cake and the next is not satisfied without croquettes or salad and soon the occasion becomes a burdensome affair. It is a profitable pleasure to eat and drink together, but it should not become the chief feature of an Alliance meeting. Formal engraved invitations and costly note paper may also be criticised.

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residence in the west gave her great opportunities for usefulness. We are quite sure we have not lost her from our ranks for wherever she may dwell she will keep her interest and lend her help to the Alliance.

At the Conference in Santa Barbara in May 1907, Mrs. Stone read an excellent paper which was re-printed in the Pacific Unitarian for September, and might be read with profit by every branch. She emphasizes "making exchanges" between branches in the matter of methods and plans. "What is feasible for our branch is not for another in all ways. For example: many of the members of the Palo Alto Alliance are teachers, students or those attending lectures at Stanford University and social life does and should receive a large part of the attention of the Alliance; therefore fairs, social festivities, suppers, evening entertainments form an important part of its work, supplemented by missionary and charitable endeavors." "They do not need literary work, but relaxation from study." "On the other hand, an isolated Alliance, far from university or literary centres, would prefer a course of study, and the history of Unitarianism would be the choice, sometimes in the form of short lecture or talk by the minister at each Alliance meeting." This is in direct line with the "independence of the branches" so often stated as a principle of the Alliance. Whatever ways and means may be devised for more efficient usefulness are always welcomed provided the religious life of our Unitarian churches is thereby quickened and co-operation and fellowship enlarged.

The new branch at Champaign, Illinois will hold its first fair on Nov. 14, 1907. This is for a building fund and articles from other branches will mean a great deal. Send to Mrs. Josephine Seymour, Elm St., Champaign, Ill.

The following are the present addresses of some of the Alliance officers: Mrs. J. B. Davis, vice-president for Rocky Mts. section, 1532 Race St. Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Robert H. Collier, director for California, 123 Sunset Ave. San Francisco; Chestnut Hill, Mass. branch President Mrs. H. A. Taber, Dunster Road, Chairman Cheerful Letter Mrs. George Lewis, Hammond St. Chestnut Hill, Mass.; Chairman P. O. Mission in Taunton Mass. branch is Mrs. Herbert Fisher, Harrison Ave. Taunton. Treasurer for New Bedford, Mass. branch is Mrs. Harold R. Bowie, Lincoln St. New Bedford. Miss Sarah Williams of Yonkers, N.Y. is member of the National Finance committee in place of Mrs. Stevens resigned.

The branch in Belfast, Maine, heretofore known as Channing League, voted last year to change the name and become The Belfast Alliance, First Parish Unitarian Church. Will branches take note of this change which was unfortunately overlooked in the Manual.

The appeals are as follows:—

London, Ont.	$50.00
Rock Rapids, Ia.	95.00
Elizabeth, N.J.	195.00
Flatbush, N.Y.	475.00
New London, Conn.	900.00
Bath, N.H.	60.00

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Harold G. Arnold, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The third regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1907–1908 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1907. Pres. Arnold presided and there were present: Misses Floyd, Loring, and Taylor, Messrs. Harwood, McMurdie, Perkins, and Wahlberg.

The Sec. read the minutes of the last meeting that were approved: to this was supplemented the report of the joining of the Union at Pomona, Cal.

In the absence of the Treas. his report was read by the Sec. and accepted as follows:

Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1907	$623.70
Receipts	209.19
Expenditures	187.91
Balance in Reserve Fund	$606.16
" " Puritan Trust	33.18
Cash in office	5.64
" on hand, Oct. 1, 1907	$644.98

The Sec. then read the letter drawn up by the Finance Com. and intended to be sent to the various churches. Following its discussion

The Directors recommended to the Finance Com. that in this letter some specific date be appointed to be known as Young People's Day.

Miss Floyd, for the Fair Com., reported favorably, and asked the Directors to advertise the fair in every possible way,—by means of the large advertising cards, complimentary tickets, etc.

The verbal greetings of the English Guilds' Union, as expressed through the Sec., Rev. John Ellis of Halifax, England, during the week of the International Council, were conveyed to the Board and accepted with cordial good-will.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

Pilgrim Federation

The Fall meeting of the Pilgrim Federation of Unitarian young people was held in the Parish House, East Bridgewater, September 30, at half after seven.

Miss Grace Mann, president of the East Bridgewater Union, gave an address of welcome and Miss Sara Lane, president of the Federation, responded.

The reports of the different unions were called for and Rev. E. B. Maglathlin of West Bridgewater gave an invitation to the unions to a conference at his church the next week. Reports were also given by the chairman of the fair committee in regard to coin cards, etc.

The secretary's report was read and accepted. Miss Lane then introduced Rev. Felix Taylor of Richmond, England, who is a successor of a former pastor of the East Bridgewater church. He gave an interesting account of the different societies connected with his church: one being the

there was a social half hour with refreshments served by the East Bridgewater members.

MAUDE C. NUTTER,
Secretary.

North Middlesex Federation

The religion of Robert Louis Stevenson,—Stevenson the many-sided, the brilliant, the loved, and the loving,—was brought home to us on Saturday, Oct. 5, at Stow, in a way that those who attended the meeting, tired after the week in Boston, came away "roused by the magic of his nature." To be like him, "a master of the art of living," "to make one more brave push" toward the fulfilment of our own plans, this was the secret longing of those who listened to the morning address by Rev. George Hale Reed. A paper was read by Miss Marion Bennett on "The Treatment of the Children of Criminal Classes." This paper, written for the Social Science Club of Tyngsboro, dwelt especially upon the causes and means of prevention of crime among children, and the splendid work of Judge Lindsey in his Juvenile Court.

At the afternoon session Rev. Henry T. Secrist gave a report of the International Congress. Its message, he thought, was to convince ourselves as well as others, that religion is a necessity and dare not be crowded out. In reproducing its spirit and in giving interesting details his report was an inspiration to those who had attended the Congress as well as to those who had not. Echoes from the Congress made the discussion which followed of unusual interest.

During the day preparations for our part in the Biennial Bazaar were con-

tion in summer? (2) If so, what is the effect? Opinions varied as to the desirability of a vacation.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Joseph A Harwood, the president, referred to the object of the Federation as an organisation. "If it is a poor thing the sooner we drop it like a hot cake the better. If it is a good thing we want to make it a better thing. The estimation in which it is held by the National officers, the fruits of it as seen in the missionary fund and in meetings like what we have held to-day, these are points not lightly to be thrust aside in measuring its worth, and no one who has been here to-day would question its value."

OPHELIA S. BROWN,
Secretary.

South Middlesex Federation

The South Middlesex Federation of Young People's Religious Unions met in the beautiful church at West Newton by invitation of the Junior Parish of the Unitarian Society on Sunday, Oct. 13, 4–8.30 P.M.

After a devotional service and the usual reports and election of officers for the ensuing year, the president, Rev. Walter F. Greenman of Watertown, made an address opening the topic for the discussion of the day, "The Home Parish and the Local Union." This matter he presented from the point of view of the members of the parish committee who are very solicitous to have the young people in evidence at the church services. Then followed very interesting reports from all the unions. In these reports several facts were brought out. It is very common for members of the unions to be responsible for the ushering at the morning service

ple in the parish. There was a comment heard several times that it would be a great deal easier to interest all the members of the union if the members of the parish ever took the slightest interest in the union. All expressed a hearty interest and loyalty in the home parish.

Mr. H. G. Arnold, President of the National Union, brought greetings and a very strong and earnest word to encourage the young people to constant fidelity. Rev. W. H. Parker of Reading also spoke on the same line.

At 6.15 the Junior Parish, the hosts of the occasion, served a luncheon in the dining room and after a social hour Rev. Julian C. Jaynes conducted the service of worship in the church. Rev. John M. Wilson of Lexington preached a powerful and long to be remembered sermon on "The Conflict of Life."

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Rev. J. M. Wilson, Lexington; Vice-President, Mr. Philip P. Sharples, Cambridge; Secretary, Miss Lilian V. Bruorton, Bedford; Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Richardson, Billerica. The meeting was one of the most interesting and profitable which the Federation has held. All societies are asked to send a list of their officers to Miss Lilian V. Bruorton, Bedford, at once.

Union Notes

W. Bridgewater, Mass.—The Guild at its first meeting was pleased to have as its speaker on that occasion Rev. Frederick R. Griffin of Braintree: among his audience was a large number of students from Howard Seminary. On Tuesday, Oct. 8, the Plymouth and Bay Conference met here and discussed "Methods for Promoting" an interesting talk on behalf of young people's work.

Florence, Mass.—"The Y. P. R. U. of Florence has no printed announcement of its meetings for the coming season, as its meetings are to be informal and given up to the discussion of such subjects as are of interest to its members."

Tyngsboro, Mass.—"The Tyngsboro Guild is starting in with bright prospects this fall. We are hoping to exchange meetings with Billerica, Chelmsford, and Westford. We have varied our program somewhat from last year although following the same general plan."

The 1908 Calendar

Do not forget to bring the matter of the calendars before your unions, as here is an opportunity to not only help the National Union by selling the edition, but also to put money into the treasury of your local union as well. Fair committees ought to carefully consider this, as special rates will be made by the dozen: single copies 50c. It is hoped the sales will not be confined to the unions alone but that the Alliance branches and, indeed, all our friends will feel interested in purchasing the 1908 calendar, "The Peace Cry."

The Biennial Bazaar

When this issue of *Word and Work* is in the hands of our readers the fair will be in full swing; we hope you have been among the visitors and that you have felt repaid for your coming. The committees have all worked well and harmoniously; and much encouragement has been received from the distant unions for which we feel duly grateful. The results of our

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NEW AUTUMN BOOKS

College and the Man

An Address to American Youth

By DAVID STARR JORDAN

Size, 5 x 7¾ inches; pages, 78; price, 80 cents net. By mail, 88 cents.

A lucid and convincing exposition of the value of college training, spirit, associations, and ideals as an equipment for after-life, by one who is an exponent and example of such an influence.

David Libbey

Penobscot Woodsman and River-driver

By FANNIE H. ECKSTORM

Size, 4½ x 7¼ inches; pages, 110; price, 60 cents net. By mail, 66 cents.

A narrative of the varied career of one of Maine's expert lumbermen. Until reading this book one would hardly realize the fund of knowledge and fertility of resource to be associated with this unique exponent of the strenuous life.

The Democratic Ideal

By MILTON REED

Size, 5 x 7¾ inches; pages, 55; price, 75 cents net. By mail, 81 cents.

A calm, rational, dispassionate survey of the democratic method of government, with some criticism of our shortcomings as a people, and pointing out the simple truths needing public-spirited recognition.

The Life Superlative

By STOPFORD A. BROOKE

Size, 5¼ x 7¾ inches; pages, 314; price, $1.50 net. By mail, $1.60.

The last volume to bear this gifted preacher and author's name, being a collection of extracts from his unpublished manuscripts and addresses.

The Water Star

By GEORGE H. BADGER

Size, 5 x 7¾ inches; pages, 86; price, 80 cents net. By mail, 87 cents.

Out-of-door essays in which the ways of nature are drawn upon as parables to illustrate moral and spiritual lessons, and to impart both optimism and courage.

The Making of Religion

By SAMUEL M. CROTHERS

Size, 4¼ x 6¾ inches; pages, 46; price, 40 cents net. By mail, 43 cents.

An exposition of the fundamental elements of growth of the religious instinct in man, with a survey of its historic origin and the evolutionary development therefrom.

The Soul of the Bible

Arranged and Edited by ULYSSES G. B. PIERCE

With an introduction by EDWARD EVERETT HALE. Size, 4½ x 6½ inches; pages, 525; price, flexible cloth binding, $1.25 net. By mail, $1.40.
Flexible leather binding, full gilt edges, narrow margins reducing the size to 3½ x 6 inches, $1.60 net. By mail, $1.75.

Selected passages from the Old and the New Testaments and the Apocrypha arranged as synthetic readings in Biblical order. Each reading is a literary unit, dealing with but one subject, the whole Bible

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. Charles E. St. John has accepted a unanimous call to the First Church in Philadelphia. Rev. Richard W. Boynton has resigned at St. Paul, Minn., to accept a call to the First Church, Buffalo, N.Y. Rev. J. D. O. Powers has resigned at Sioux City, Ia., to accept a call to Seattle, Wash. Rev. A. Irving Innes has resigned at Sherwood, Mich., to accept a call to Salem, Ohio. Rev. E. D. Towle has resigned the charge of the Second Church, Brookline, Mass. Rev. N. S. Hoagland has accepted a call to Tyngsboro, Mass. Mr. A. J. Kennedy, of last year's class at the Harvard Divinity School, has accepted a call to Revere, Mass. Mr. George B. Spurr, of last year's class at the Meadville Theological School, has accepted a call to Petersham, Mass. Rev. L. C. Dethlefs, of last year's class at the Meadville Theological School, has accepted a call to Walpole, Mass. Rev. Arthur B. Whitney was in-

New Societies. The two newest societies on the list of Unitarian churches are both, curiously enough, on Long Island and within the limits of New York City. The Fifth Unitarian Society of Brooklyn was organized last month. It is located in South Brooklyn, and is several miles distant from any of the existing churches. Rev. H. S. Baker is the leader, and he has gathered an interesting constituency, mostly from people who have had no previous acquaintance with the Unitarian fellowship. The First Unitarian Church of Flushing is the outcome of services held in the community for some years past. It is the only liberal church in the Borough of Queens. The place of meeting is centrally located. The community is a rapidly growing one, made up of an intelligent class of people.

Church On November 14 there was dedicated the new

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of many of the early members of the church. The new building is placed at the centre of the village, nearly a mile from the old meeting-house on the hill-top. The Dedication Sermon was preached by Dr. Eliot, and many neighbors and friends made a happy occasion of the dedication service.

On November 24 there was dedicated the new church of the society in Dunkirk, N.Y. This is a handsome stone building, with a parsonage attached, and is the first church building that this society has owned. It represents the generous contributions and good will of the members of the local parish, aided by a loan from the Loan Fund. The Dedication Sermon was preached by Mr. Slicer. It is expected that the new churches in Montreal, Can., and Schenectady, N.Y., will be ready for dedication the first of the new year. The dedication service at Flatbush is set for December 1.

Billings Lecturers. At the last meeting of the directors of the Association the plans for the Billings Lectures for the remainder of the fiscal year were determined upon. Rev. Thomas R. Slicer was commissioned to visit in succession Ithaca, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Erie, Cleveland, Indianapolis, and Youngstown. About the same time Rev. John H. Applebee will hold a series of services in New Hampshire, visiting most of the churches of the State in company with some of the New Hampshire ministers. A little later Mr. Backus of Chicago will make a journey in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, giving especial attention to Hot Springs, Ark., Oklahoma, Okla., and Wichita, Kan. In January and February —Ann Arbor, Mich., Madison, Wis., Iowa City, Ia., Lincoln, Neb., Lawrence, Kan., and Champaign, Ill.,—and Mr. Dole has been invited to make a journey in the Southern Department. In addition to these journeys Mr. Wendte will go to California in January, and Mr. Reccord of Springfield will make a trip along the whole of the Pacific Coast in March. In this way, adding to the journeys of the officers of the Association, practically the entire country will be covered, and all the churches feel the touch of the national life.

New Americans. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors steps were taken to enlarge the work of the Association among our fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech. The visits of the Billings lecturers in October developed much interest in this cause. Prof. Masaryk and Mr. Jozan in particular were urgent that help should be given to their fellow-countrymen. The directors have always been ready to engage in this work, and have hesitated only because of lack of resources. They now propose to enter into it modestly, but firmly, and to trust to the churches to support their endeavors.

Mr. Alexander Kiss, the Hungarian student at Meadville, has been commissioned to visit the different colonies of Hungarian Unitarians already visited by Mr. Jozan. Mr. Francis P. Malgeri has been commissioned to work among the Italians in Eastern Massachusetts. He has been secretary of the Italian Emigrant Aid Society, an agent of the Good Government Society, a worker at Hale House, and he is a member of the Church of the Disciples. He will gather groups of

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centre at Chicago. Mr. Polák is a graduate of the Oberlin Theological Seminary, a journalist by profession, and a leader among the younger Bohemians in Chicago. He has been closely associated with Prof. Masaryk in his work of religious enlightenment and civic reform. In addition to these enterprises the board made an appropriation which will enable Rev. Amandus H. Norman to start a periodical to represent our cause among the Scandinavians in the North-west, and an appropriation to print a Hymn and Service Book in Swedish.

The Centenary Edition of Parker.

Noteworthy among the books issued this autumn by the American Unitarian Association are the first three titles of the sixteen volume Centenary Edition of the "Works of Theodore Parker," "A Discourse of Matters Pertaining to Religion," edited by Thomas Wentworth Higginson, "The World of Matter and the Spirit of Man" and "The American Scholar," these two last edited by George Willis Cooke. Great care has been exercised in making the books representative of the best style of modern book making, and they are very pleasing both in inward and outward physical aspect. The type is of an easily legible size, and the margins are generous. With gilt tops, and ornamental gold backs, and binding in light green cloth, the sixteen volumes when complete, will make a very handsome library set. Into the design for the back of each book has been interwoven the symbolism of an acorn and an oak leaf, providing an effect both artistic and picturesque. The side of the cover is stamped with an oak branch and leaf design, ingeniously forming the letters

the end, except in the case of "A Discourse of Matters Pertaining to Religion," which did not seem to require them, suggestively illuminate the text. Parker's own notes, which are in themselves copious in most of the volumes, appear as foot notes from page to page, thus readily differentiating them from those of the editor's at the end. Spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and similar details have, of course, been fully modernized.

The fourth volume, "The Transient and Permanent in Christianity," under the editorship of George Willis Cooke, is now nearly ready for the press, and in active editorial preparation are "Historic Americans," edited by Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, "The Sins and Safeguards of Society," to be edited by Dr. S. B. Stewart, and "Prayers, Poems and Parables," which is under the supervision of Mr. Rufus Leighton, one of Parker's intimate friends and colleagues, who stenographically took down many of Parker's discourses. Some new and hitherto inaccessible material has been put into the hands of the editorial board which is supervising the edition, which, with its new matter, will be definitive as well as authentic.

It is hoped that the set may be completed by the end of 1909. The price has been put at the very modest one of $1.00 a volume. The books may be purchased from time to time as issued, or the set may be subscribed for at the present time, in which case the new volumes will be sent along to subscribers as soon as ready. The price for the set of sixteen volumes will be $15.00, net, with delivery $1.00 additional.

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In this connection should not be forgotten the generosity of those who

"*Voted*, That the thanks of the board be sent to Mr. John C. Haynes and to Mrs. John L. Whiting and her daughters, for their generous and timely gifts to enable the Association to publish a Centenaty Edition of he Works of Theodore Parker."

New Books. Nineteen books are this year added to the total number that bear the imprint of the American Unitarian Association. This unusually long list for a single year (the largest since the Association began the publication of books), has the merit of more than ordinary variety and interest. From the academic "College and the Man" to the open-air "David Libbey," from the "Making of Religion" to the plain and simple Christian life revealed in "The Autobiography and Diary of Elizabeth P. Channing," from "The Human Harvest," with its keen analytical study of the reversion of the human species through the survival of the unfit, to the beautiful and refreshing out-of-door essays and nature parables of "The Water Star," one finds a reasonably wide field for individual tastes if the mind is bent on serious reading.

Speaking a little more in detail, let it be explained that "David Libbey," by Fannie H. Eckstorm, is the fourth volume of "The True American Types" series, and narrates the experiences and varied career of one of Maine's expert lumbermen. David Starr Jordan's "College and the Man" sets forth with lucid exposition, the value of college training, spirit, and associations as an equipment for after-life. "The Democratic Ideal" by Milton Reed, is a calm, dispassionate survey of the democratic method of tracts from the author's unpublished manuscripts and addresses, grouped under various headings. None of this material has before been in print, and the contents of the book are, therefore, entirely fresh. "The Water Star," by George H. Badger, is a group of essays in which the ways of nature are drawn upon as parables to illustrate moral and spiritual lessons, and to impart the courage and optimism which out-of-door observations such as these tend to stimulate.

"The Human Harvest" is the second of Dr. Jordan's books to be issued this year, and is a more extended exposition of "the decay of races through the survival of the unfit" than given in the author's first well-known treatise on the subject, called "The Blood of the Nation" (also published by the American Unitarian Association), of which it is, in fact, a revision and enlargement. Any one who has read this early volume will thank the author for having expanded the subject with such power. "The Making of Religion" is the Essex Hall lecture which Dr. Crothers gave abroad last year. It is an exposition of the fundamental elements of growth of the religious instinct in man, reinforced by many observations that help to elucidate the main theme. J. M. Lloyd Thomas's "Free Catholic Church" is a plea for a universal church by the submergence of dogmatism and the recognition of a common, natural, and earnest spirit of reverence, worship, and service that should be fostered and upbuilt in an organized religious brotherhood of the spirit.

A volume not altogether unique in conception, but so well worked out in detail that it is unique in merit and ser-

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with but one subject, and intended to convey one definite religious impression. For this purpose the whole Bible has been drawn upon as needed to develop the subject of each selection. Isolated passages are brought together into a natural relationship with the larger thought of which they properly form a part. Genealogies and other passages that have not seemed to form vital contributions to this arrangement have been omitted. The volume is provided with special readings and indexes. "The Soul of the Bible" is admirably adapted for individual reading, for pulpit use, for family worship, and for all purposes whatever where the reader does not wish to perform the elaborate labor of selection and arrangement which the editor himself has put into the work.

The first of a series of volumes by eminent German theologians to be translated for and issued by the American Unitarian Association is entitled "The Sources of our Knowledge of the Life of Jesus," by Paul Wernle, who has also contributed to Putnam's Theological Translation Library. The book compactly presents results of wide and scholarly theological research into the subject indicated by its title. "Concerning Life," by George D. Latimer, is made up of nineteen of his best discourses both representative and suggestive of his nineteen years' ministry in Salem.

"God and the Soul," by Richard A. Armstrong, is issued as a result of the strong and steady demand for the English edition. It has met with remarkable commendation, both here and abroad, as a book containing a singular insight into on the subject without ambiguity or undue elaboration.

"The Immortality of the Soul in Tennyson and Browning" is an analysis, by Professor Henry Jones, of the University of Glasgow, of the poems of Tennyson and Browning with reference to their evidence of immortality. "The Autobiography and Diary of Elizabeth P. Channing," is the daily record of over thirty years in a long and active Christian life. "Letters to American Boys," by Vice-Chancellor William H. Carruth of the University of Kansas, consists of a group of admirable letters written, ostensibly, by an uncle to his numerous nephews on all sorts of manly subjects that boys are interested in, and in connection with which they can incidentally be given much wholesome counsel.

The Autumn Announcement List of New Publications contains a fuller and more adequate description of these books, with prices, and can be had for the asking by addressing the Publication Department of the American Unitarian Association.

The Publicity Department. The new Department of Publicity, under the secretaryship of Rev. Charles W. Casson, was established by the directors of the Association to supply a very definite demand and need. It is one of the practical outcomes of the missionary spirit that is more and more being made manifest among Unitarians. As a result of this spirit, there has been a growing consciousness that our message is one for all men, and not merely for a few, and a consequent searching after some means to make more wide-spread its proclamation. We have

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secular press of the country, on systematic, up-to-date lines and a business basis. The adoption of a definite and efficient system of work, as originated and proven most efficient by Mr. Casson, practically assures the success of the project.

The main purpose of this department will be the extension of the Paragraph Pulpit work, as carried on in Canada during the last year under Mr. Casson's charge. It is the publication daily, in space contracted for on a purely business basis, of a paragraph sermonette, presenting clearly and attractively the vital verities of our Unitarian faith. It is not in any sense aggressively controversial or anti-orthodox, but simply states the positive principles and helpful inferences of liberal religion. Each article is brief enough to be read and bright enough to be read again. They set forth, in a straightforward and striking way, the realities of religion and the new truths that are pressing with increasing force upon the modern mind. They make definite what already vaguely exists in the minds of most men, giving rational cause for the disturbing doubt of the old belief, and giving form and fact to the new truth dimly seen. There are few minds where there is not at least liberalism in solution, and the paragraph sermon is the little thing that helps to precipitate it into the crystal of conviction.

It is Mr. Casson's intention to establish the Paragraph Pulpit wherever arrangements can be made for its publication. He is at present in communication with several hundred newspapers, obtaining their special rates for the space desired. When these are obtained, he will expend the money at his command in making the contracts that seem most favorable and necessary. Then he will issue a "proposition pamphlet," stating, for the benefit of this work make it possible. These will range from the $10 contract for the weekly paper to those with metropolitan dailies, running into the hundreds. This will give an excellent opportunity to those who wish to undertake some special missionary work, to choose the place and proposition that most appeal to them, and whose financing lies within their means. This pamphlet will be ready early in December, and will be given as wide distribution as possible.

The Paragraph Pulpits to be established will be divided into four different classes. The first will be contracted for and conducted entirely by Mr. Casson, and financed from the general fund. These will largely be at points where the Unitarian movement is weak or unorganized. Those in the second class will be partly paid for by the local church, the balance to come from the fund, and will be conducted by the secretary. The third class will consist of those that are established and maintained by the local church, but to be edited and conducted by Mr. Casson. The fourth class will be those that are established, financed, and edited by the Unitarian church in the towns or cities where they are published. In all cases the department will work in fullest cooperation with the local Unitarian body, and will never invade a territory without first consulting the church or churches organized within it. In every place where it is possible, and especially in New England, the effort will be made to cover the contract by local contributions, so as to utilize the general fund in the unworked fields of the West. Mr. Casson is ready to present the publicity cause before Alliances, clubs, and church congregations.

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At the monthly meeting of the Executive Board held Nov. 8, 1907, there were eighteen present.

The corresponding secretary gave a full and entertaining account of her recent trip to the west and attendance at some of the state Conferences. She had many opportunities to speak, and it proved to be a wise thing for the Alliance to have a representative at such important meetings. The Iowa Conference at Sioux City was notably of interest to Alliance branches as all have from time to time taken part in helping churches in Iowa, and are now generously answering an appeal for Rock Rapids. At the Missouri Valley Conference at Lincoln, Nebraska much was learned of the Alliance at various points, Topeka, St. Joseph, Ord, where the library sent some time ago needs a re-inforcement of new books, and others. The Illinois Conference was held at Bloomington, where there is not as yet an Alliance branch. Here was a favorable occasion for Mrs. Davis to meet the people and explain to the women the advantages of uniting with a large national body in carrying on religious and missionary work. An Alliance branch will doubtless be the result. Details were given of the movement at Champaign—Urbana where a branch was organized last spring. This is the seat of a University with 3,000 students, and it is said that thirty-five of the professors are Unitarians. The tried of employing a woman as Pastor's assistant, and so far with success.

The branches in the Rocky Mt. Conference have formed an Associate Alliance with Mrs. F. M. Keezer of Denver as president and Mrs. A. M. Hawley of Fort Collins, Colorado as secretary and treasurer.

The chairman of the committee on Southern Missionary work reported matters well in hand in North Carolina. At Shelter Neck, Dix House and parsonage has been repaired and painted and presents a home-like, pleasant appearance. The chairman herself has conducted the services on the first and third Sundays and helped in the Sunday school every Sunday afternoon. "The neighbors have been invited to Dix House every Sunday evening for a social hour of singing followed by the reading aloud of some simple but interesting story. Each evening in the week is occupied by games and reading to the young people with a sprinkling of the older ones as well, who seem to enjoy it all almost as well as the children. Some from nearly every family are present almost every evening in the week and the number varies from four or five to twenty."

A parcel of land connecting Dix House and the main highway has been given by Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hanchey to the National Alliance. "At present the avenue of approach is immediately from the church

property a direct and unobstructed outlet to the highway, should there ever chance to be need."

Mr. Gillilan is keeping all his appointments and apparently giving good satisfaction. Much is said of the simple, earnest preaching which is both interesting and helpful. The teachers at Emerton School and Salem Cottage, Swansboro have been of inestimable assistance, reading to him and interesting themselves in his work.

Rev. Joseph M. Seaton of Hubbardston, Mass. who was formerly minister at Richmond, Va. being obliged to spend the winter in the south on account of Mrs. Seaton's health intends to make his headquarters at Greensboro or Chapel Hill, where he will have an excellent opportunity to meet and perhaps preach to a large number of students and others. On recommendation of the Southern Committee, the Alliance will employ him to some extent in the Southern circuit work, as it is felt that he will give acceptable and faithful service.

The Cheerful Letter committee reported a busy month. Thirty-six names for correspondence assigned, many libraries moved, new subscriptions received and many renewed. Miss Carrie Hilliard, Braintree, Mass. has been added to the Home Study committee, which reports a steady increase of work and constant need of more teachers.

The Post-office Mission Committee reported as follows:—

It is important that all our Alliance branches should understand that Post-office Mission work now includes distribution of Unitarian publications among our own congregations. The National Post-office Mission Committee has just sent out a circular to all presidents of branches

"The Present Task," an article by Dr. Eliot published in the *Christian Register* of October 24, is now being printed as a leaflet by the American Unitarian Association. The Post-office Mission Tract Committee asked for this leaflet because it is felt that its circulation in our churches will be "enlivening." The Chairman Mrs. Lord hopes that the branches will cooperate with the purposes of the committee and notify her at once how many copies of this leaflet they need in order to circulate it generously throughout their congregations. Attention is also called to the new tract list of the American Unitarian Association with the following new tracts which are of especial value to the Post-office Mission.

224. A Little Catechism.

225. The Highest Criticism by William H. Lyon, D.D.

226. The History of Unitarianism in the Southern Churches, by Arthur A. Brooks.

227. What is it to be a Liberal in Religion? by Charles W. Wendte.

228. The Story of the Resurrection of Jesus, by Joseph May, D.D.

Mrs. H. A. Macgowan of Worcester was declared elected as a director for Massachusetts, in place of Mrs. Reeve, resigned. Mrs. Bolster was appointed chairman of Conference committee to fill the vacancy caused by removal of Mrs. Smith from the state.

The Women's Auxiliary of The Good Will Church in Streator, Illinois has become a branch of the National Alliance, Mrs. J. M. Blanchard, 307 Court St. Streator, secretary.

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The secretary of the branch at West Newton, Mass. is now Mrs. A. Stuart Pratt, 53 Highland St. The correspond-

Congregational Church as appears in the Manual.

A pleasant letter was received from the Young People's Religious Union thanking the Alliance for the use of headquarters at the time of the Fair, and the interest and co-operation of Alliance members. The Alliance feels itself the debtor and as each successive Fair is prettier and more attractive than the last, is happy in looking forward to large accessions to its ranks from the young ladies of the Union, who seem to increase in number each year.

Older workers in the Post-office Mission will remember that ten or twelve years ago they were asked to help Mr. Bland of Olsburg, Kansas, who circulated liberal literature by means of a travelling wagon or van. This was considered legitimate work for the Post-office Mission and literature and some money was sent him. He must have been a pioneer in the work.

Recently readers of The Unitarian have been greatly interested in two articles by Rev. J. T. Sunderland describing "The remarkable Unitarian Van Mission in England." Two men, Rev. Thomas P. Spedding, a Unitarian minister in Yorkshire, who was one of the English delegates to the International Congress just held in Boston, and Mr. Bertram Talbot, a layman of the Highgate church, London, with a simple, inexpensive wagon, large enough to afford a shelter and sleeping place and to carry a supply of liberal tracts and books, started "to travel up and down the land, among the towns and villages and country neighborhoods where our thought is least known, earnestly delivering our message to any or all who are willing to listen whether in twos or threes or hundreds."

About twenty-two ministers promised churches, singers and players on the harmonium which formed a part of the Van outfit. In fact more than fifty ministers and several laymen spent more or less time with the Van and took part in the work. The usual plan was to locate the wagon in some pleasant open space in the town or village visited, for the most part in places where there was no Unitarian church. In large plain letters the wagon told what it was and announced a meeting. The season lasted nearly five and a half months and the average attendance was reckoned as 176 persons per meeting, though not infrequently the numbers rose to 1,000 or over 1,500.

The enterprise having been so successful and the results so encouraging, during this last summer four Vans have been in the field, three in England and one in Scotland. "Much more than 100,000 persons have been reached with our gospel the past summer, a large part of whom had never heard a Unitarian sermon or read a Unitarian tract."

It is hoped that enough has been quoted to induce Alliance members to read the full account in The Unitarian. Mr. Sunderland asks if this Van Mission which is accomplishing so much in England is not worth trying in America? We like to think that after all the idea originated in America.

The Unitarian Van has a formidable rival in the Baptist Motor car, which has been making similar tours and been met by enthusiastic crowds even in remote villages! We are told that last summer two motor cars ran throughout the town but other cars joined en route and one evening six cars ran into Banbury. "The occasion of the visit of the leading officials of the Baptist Union was regarded in many places as an event of first rate importance

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Like the Unitarian Mission the meetings during the day, always took place in the open air, generally on the village green. The singing was from special hymn sheets taken around in the motors, and was led by an intelligent lad with a cornet. One of the features of the addresses given has been "the regular and emphatic insistence on the value of the rite of baptism in the culture of the Christian life." In some villages where the churches were mostly union and sometimes Congregational this idea was new. The paper from which this account is taken states that "In the grounds attached to a delightfully rustic Congregational Chapel, there is a miniature, but now dry, lake, which Rev. F. B. Meyer declared had been scooped out by the angels for the very purpose of baptism, only they, as Congregationalists, had gone astray." This same man thinks that great advantage comes to the ministers in this open air preaching, as "the same small congregation and the stereotyped service and sermon tend to stagnate the preacher's soul, and he must in sheer self-salvation find new and unconverted hearers to preach to, if only the mere handful which will come to him on the village green."

Sunday school library books are very much needed at Orleans, Mass. Discarded volumes or new books may be sent to 25 Beacon St. or to Rev. N. S. Hill, Orleans.

The many friends of Stopford Brooke, M. P. formerly minister of the First Church, Boston, Mass. will be sorry to learn that he is seriously ill, with a severe trouble in the ear.

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or lecturer at the monthly meetings. As an occasional treat this is most desirable, but discussion or interchange of thought and opinion among the members of a branch is at least a pleasant change from a stiff gathering of listeners merely. Every branch has matters of local interest affecting the church or the community to be talked over, and every Alliance woman is capable of expressing an opinion. The Study class leaflets are admirable guides to branches ambitious to call out the latent talent of which there is so much among us. Every member should be called upon, and those who cannot possibly speak should at least offer a quotation.

Recent reports concerning appeals have been very gratifying to the Executive Board showing on the part of the branches a true spirit of loyalty to the Alliance and trust in its officers. The Executive Board has no authority over the expenditures of the branches and the By-laws only require that membership fees shall be used for religious, missionary or church purposes, all other money being at the disposal of the branch, but in the case of irregular appeals the best judgment of the Committee on Appeals can always be relied on, as of necessity it has "the inside track" and knows the conditions. It is generally wise to adhere to the recommendations of the Board when in doubt concerning appropriations.

The appeals are as follows:—

London, Ont.	$39.00
Rock Rapids, Ia.	69.00
Elisabeth, N.J.	186.00
Flatbush, N.Y.	459.00
New London, Conn.	884.00
Bath, N.H.	26.00
Jacksonville, Fla.	879.00
Green Harbor, Mass.	357.00
Meadville Students	186.00

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Young People's Religious Union

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MONTHLY MEETING

The fourth regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1907–1908 was held in Room 3, 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1907, at 1 P.M. Pres. Arnold presided and there were present: Misses Floyd, Loring, Taylor, Messrs. McMurdie, Melcher, Perkins, and Wahlburg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Sec. also reported a generous contribution from the Unitarian Society of Fairhaven, and the joining of the young people's societies at Reading, Mass., and at Franklin, N.H.

The Treas. read the following report that was accepted:

Balance on hand, Oct. 1,	$644.98
Receipts for Oct.,	40.66
Total,	$685.64
In Life Membership Fund,	$606.16
" Pur. Trust Co.,	68.30
Cash in office,	4.83
Expenditures,	6.35
	$685.64

The bills for the month were approved.

VOTED: that the loan effected by the Finance Com. be paid.

Miss Floyd said, in reporting for the fair, that all the bills had not been handed in as yet, but it seemed safe to state that the results would reach the sum cleared two years ago; and would, in all probability, go beyond that amount. The articles left over, with the addition of some candy, might be disposed of at a

VOTED: that a recommendation be made to all unions to have their annual meetings in April in order that the correct lists of officers may be printed in our annual report, this meeting to be held not *later* than April.

VOTED: that we accept the suggestion of the North Middlesex Federation that it should contribute to our missionary fund as a Federation instead of severally as unions.

Miss Loring reported an increase of membership in her Union-at-Large, especially among those remote from Unitarian churches, and urged the advisability of starting a union at Northampton *by* and *for* the young people there.

VOTED: that a union be started in Northampton, that we undertake to hold an initial meeting, and that this matter be referred to the Union-at-Large Com.

The Sec. read a letter, telling of the death of Mrs. Samuel B. Greene (Mrs. Caroline Hoar Greene) of Burlington, Vt., one of our first Life Members, and a very earnest, loyal friend of all Unitarian young people.

VOTED: that the sympathy of the Board of Directors be extended to Mr. Greene and to the Concord Guild as a token of our grateful appreciation of Mrs. Greene's work for and life-long interest in young people.

VOTED: that the thanks and sincere gratitude of the Board of Directors be extended to Miss Floyd for all she has done for the fair.

VOTED: to thank the A. U. A. for the use of its building and the National Alliance for the use of its room during the fair.

The matter of publishing a little pamphlet, containing a service and some few songs, similar to an edition of several years ago, was brought up; and it was the sense of the Board that this be discussed later on in the season. Accordingly it was

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VOTED: to lay this on the table.

VOTED: that the money borrowed from the Reserve Fund be returned as soon as the proceeds

The Biennial Bazaar

The Biennial Bazaar is over and a thing of the past: but it will go down on record as a great success socially, however much greater than ever before the financial results are. On Thursday afternoon the Bazaar was formally opened by Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, Sec. of the A. U. A., who spoke a few words of welcome: in the evening a fine Pop Concert was rendered by the Bellevue Orchestra of Melrose, Mr. Walter C. Martin, leader, assisted by Miss Emily Wardwell of Worcester, soloist, and Master H. Hanson Stahl, 'cellist.

On Friday afternoon, Mr. Harold G. Arnold presented Mrs. Julia Ward Howe and Dr. Hale to a large and enthusiastic audience that crowded Channing Hall and the rooms adjoining to the utmost capacity. Both Mrs. Howe and Dr. Hale spoke appreciatively of our work, giving us good, wholesome advice. During the course of the afternoon Miss Wardwell and Miss Annie Nichols of Danvers sang very acceptably, and later tea was served to many of the friends present.

On Friday evening another Pop Concert was given with Vaudeville, the latter consisting of legerdemain by Karman, the magician, character and coon songs by Mr. W. B. C. Fox, a dairy maids' dance by six young ladies, a solo dance by Miss Lillian Harrington of West Newton, whistling solos by Miss Grace Parker of Dorchester, and a selection by a trio of Sicillian troubadours.

On Saturday afternoon there was an entertainment for the children, made up of singing by Miss Nichols, fancy dancing by Miss Marion Upham of Dorchester, and sleight of hand tricks by Mr. Ben D. Sunday School column, being practically what he should have said, had he been with us on Saturday.

The committee is happy to announce that the sum of $1,735.81 has actually been cleared up to date, with possibly the addition of a little more from after-sales. It is intended to hold a clearance sale of the articles unsold just before Christmas, on Sat., Dec. 14, thus netting something more. It may be interesting to compare the amounts cleared at the previous fairs.

In 1899 at the College Fair	$1,320.50
" 1901 " " Holiday Fair, ...	882.96
" 1903 " " Festival of Nations, . . .	1,588.50
" 1905 " " Scenes in Bookland, ...	1,123.67
" 1907 " " Biennial Bazaar, ...	1,735.81

The 1908 Calendar

Your attention is called to the 1908 calendar, "The Peace Cry," of which an edition of 3,000 has been printed and of which we hope to entirely dispose before the close of the year. In order to do this we should sell a hundred or so a day from now on.

Unions, Alliance branches, and others wishing to earn a little money can easily sell our calendars and thus add quite a sum to their treasuries.

Price singly 50c. and postage: special rates by the dozen or the hundred.

We should like young men—especially college or high school students—to canvass the business sections of Boston and other large cities. This is a liberal offer and should call forth numerous applicants.

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North Worcester Federation

One of the most encouraging and impressive things about the meeting was the hearty and whole-souled spirit with which the young people entered into the devotional service of the afternoon and evening. Another inspiring and promising feature of the meeting was the number of really young people, between twelve and eighteen years of age, who were present. Miss Margaret Lockey, a last year's graduate of the Leominster High School, led the afternoon devotional service. Her interest and leadership were a fine example to the young people present.

The unions represented gave brief reports of the work they were doing, and suggestions were offered concerning methods of work and worship. An excellent series of addresses was given. Rev. James C. Duncan of Clinton spoke a needed word on the "Use of Freedom." Rev. William F. Skerrye of Templeton spoke on "Reserves of Life," emphasizing the great importance of worship, of daily regular habits of reverence and aspiration, in order to deepen and purify the subconscious life, in preparation for the strain and trial and crisis of the coming years. Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, a director of the National Union, gave an inspiring address on the true character of responsibility. Rev. A. L. Weatherly of Worcester told the story of "Pippa Passes," bringing out in a very impressive way the fact that each person, however young or humble, is constantly exerting an unconscious influence upon the lives of others. Rev. A. W. Littlefield of Fitchburg, in his address on "Preferences and Principles," laid stress on the necessity for character building, of choosing principles before preferences, of the greater of real communion one with another, and brought all together in an intimate fellowship, which was apparent in the cordial spirit of the evening meeting. Rev. Frederic J. Gauld, president of the Federation, acted as moderator of the meeting. The meeting adjourned until next April.

South Worcester Federation

The fall meeting of the South Worcester Federation was held on Sunday, Nov. 3, with Guild of à Kempis of Hopedale.

The number present was smaller than usual, only about 55 representatives of the unions being present.

The afternoon session opened at 4.30, being devoted to business, reports of the Picnic and Missionary Committees, and the appointment of the Nominating Committee. The meeting closed with a talk by Miss White of Northbridge on "Mohammedan Religion and Customs."

At the evening session Rev. William H. Parker of Reading gave us an interesting and illustrative address on the "Reubenites and Gadites."

The next meeting will be held with the Y. P. R. U. of the Unitarian Memorial Church, Worcester, in January.

MAY A. LELAND, *Secretary.*

Channing Federation

The Channing Federation of Unitarian Young People was held at Norton, Mass., Nov. 10, at 3.15, Vice-President Mrs. B. I. Anderson presiding. After a devotional service Rev. J. H. Weeks of Norton ex-

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. T. D. Bacon was installed minister of the North Church in Salem on December 15th. Rev. W. L. Meaker has resigned at the First Parish, Dover, Mass. Rev. N. S. Hoagland, late of Warwick, Mass., has accepted a call to Tyngsboro, Mass. Rev. C. L. Ball, late of the Universalist Church, Halifax, N.S., has accepted a call to the Second Church in Athol, Mass. Rev. Henry G. Smith has accepted a call to the Church of Our Father, Ottawa, Canada. Rev. E. A. Cantrell has resigned at Streator, Ill. Miss S. Louise Haight has taken charge of the work at Perry, Iowa. Mr. P. S. Phalen of the Harvard Divinity School has accepted a call to the Second and North Churches of Hingham, Mass.

The Sunday appointments of the President of the Association in November and December have been at Brooklyn, N.Y. twelve services of morning prayer. His appointments for the Sundays of January are as follows: 5th, Montreal, Canada; 12th, Providence, R.I.; 19th, Schenectady, N.Y.; 26th, Second Church, Boston. The services at Montreal and Schenectady will be in dedication of the new church buildings.

During the month of December the Secretary of the Association has preached at Bridgewater, Weston, Hingham, the Church of the Disciples in Boston. He has also addressed the Women's Alliance of King's Chapel upon the International Congress and the Alliance of Arlington Street Church upon the "Presentation of Truth in Religion." At Petersham, on the evening of the 6th of December, he preached the sermon and extended the fellowship of the churches at the ordination of Mr. George Browning Spurr. In

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A small Service and Hymn Book is in preparation and also a brief Manual of Instruction. A detailed account of this movement will appear in a future issue of the *Word and Work*.

Questions upon the subject of Church Attendance have been sent by the Secretary to about four hundred laymen, who are regular church attendants and loyal to the church as an institution. From the answers received a summary with comments will be published. Already a large number of replies have been received, and they contain many valuable and interesting suggestions. The character and the reasons for this investigation will be explained in the published report which will probably appear in about six weeks.

The field secretary for New England is now devoting his time to work with our church and people in Westboro where he has engaged to act as minister for one month, preaching, calling, and doing other parish work as he finds opportunity and need. Besides carrying on the usual church functions, a series of special rally services has been arranged for the New Year's season, and neighboring ministers will speak upon vital topics. The meetings begin on the evening of January 26th, when Rev. Edward F. Hayward of Marlboro preaches on "The Church: What It Is and What It Is Not." Among the visiting ministers are Rev. Abbot Peterson of Lancaster, Rev. Charles B. Elder of Worcester, Rev. Frank W. Pratt of Hopedale, and Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly of Worcester. Six evening services and a watch meeting will be held in the effort to awaken interest in the principles for which this church stands.

After January 5th the field secretary gives his week-days to Christ Church, Dorchester, and possibly to the help of

Contributions. The officers of the Association have not thus far this year urged upon the churches the claims of the National work. They have realized how generous were the efforts of the friends of the cause last year, and have also felt that the present times of financial stringency were not propitious. It is all the more gratifying to observe that so many of the churches are doing their whole duty without any urging from headquarters. A larger proportion of our churches than ever before have made their contributions in the first half of the fiscal year. The proportion is still deplorably small, but the tendencies are in the right direction. It is exceedingly gratifying to observe that in spite of the difficulties just mentioned, several societies have actually increased in their contributions over the gifts of last year.

The Society in Petersham which gave last year $70 has sent $130. The Second Church in Salem, which contributed $183 last year has this year contributed $260. The Society in North Easton which made a record last year of $544 rises this year to $682. Other Societies show their determination at least to maintain the high-water mark of last year. Augusta, Me., Meadville, Pa., Winchester, Mass., thus equalled, or nearly equalled, last year's record. Of the larger givers Springfield, Mass., which last year contributed $1,100 makes a contribution of $900, and has also been very generous in other directions.

If all the churches do as well as these the cause will suffer no reaction because of the unusual efforts of last year, or because of present business conditions.

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The International Congress. The International Congress of Religious Liberals in Boston has

the Congress, and their weighty communications on topics of common interest in the promotion of our cause throughout the world.

To perpetuate these impressions and extend them to a wider circle the proceedings and papers of the Congress have been gathered into a large and handsome volume of 700 pages, illustrated with some sixty representations of persons and places, which is issued this month, under the title "Freedom and Fellowship in Religion." This work contains in full, and in the English language, all the papers read before the General and Department meetings of the Congress by eminent scholars and divines, presenting a comprehensive survey of liberal religion and the state of the liberal churches in the leading countries of the world. Accounts of the social occasions and excursions, together with reports of the speeches made at Plymouth, are included. An appendix contains some fifty communications from prominent religious free-thinkers in other countries, who express their sympathy with the purpose of the Congress. The lists given of the honorary Vice-Presidents, delegates from abroad, programs of the meetings, and other memoranda, will be of value to all who are interested in the cause of liberal religion at home and abroad.

The price of the book, substantially bound in cloth, is one dollar, which is much below its cost. Applications for it should be accompanied by a Postal Money Order for this amount, and twenty cents additional for postage, and may be sent to Rev. Charles W. Wendte, Secretary, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Publicity Department. During the past month good progress has been made in laying the foundations of the new press publicity work. Many papers have shown their willingness to co-operate in the work of proclaiming our message by giving large discounts and special concessions.

On December 20th eleven contracts had been made with twelve papers in seven States and Canada. These are as follows: *Daily Tribune*, Johnstown, Pa.; *Daily* and *Weekly Eagle-Star*, Marinette, Wis.; *Daily British Whig*, Kingston, Ont.; *Daily Penny Press*, Middletown, Conn.; *Daily Herald*, New Castle, Pa.; *Daily News*, Canton, Ohio; *Daily Leader-Press*, La Crosse, Wis.; *Daily Item*, Clinton, Mass.; *Weekly Democrat*, Fort Collins, Col.; *Weekly Reporter*, Steelton, Pa.; *Weekly Journal*, Ord, Neb.; *Family Herald* and *Weekly Star*, Montreal, Quebec.

The papers with which contracts have been made give a net circulation of the "Paragraph Pulpit" of over 182,000. The total cost for these contracts for six months is about $500. It is planned to limit contracts to six months, except where special local conditions warrant the continuation for the year.

In addition to the direct placing of contracts with the papers mentioned, Mr. Casson is working in co-operation with many churches and ministers. Scores of ministers have expressed their appreciation of the publicity plan, and their willingness to do all in their power to make it a success. In Philadelphia, under the enthusiastic leadership of Rev. Charles E. St. John, the three churches of the city are planning to conduct a six months' publicity campaign in the local press, at large expense. In Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. L. W. Mason and Rev. Thomas Clayton are preparing with the aid of the department to publish the "Paragraph Pulpit" in one or more of the largest city papers. It is hoped to start publication before the first of the year. In Nashua, N. H., Rev.

workers by proclaiming our principles through the press. Rev. F. M. Bennett of Lawrence, Kan., is co-operating with Mr. Casson in establishing the "Paragraph Pulpit" in prominent Kansas papers. In Dallas, Texas, a movement is on foot, under the direction of Rev. Marion F. Ham, to make a contract with the Dallas press, and to pay half the expense, the department to pay the other. In Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. A. T. Bowser is alive to the largeness of our Unitarian opportunity in the South, and with splendid earnestness is preparing, with Mr. Casson's aid, to send our word broadcast through the Atlanta *Constitution*. At other points ministers are adopting and personally conducting the "Paragraph Pulpit" method.

In Montana, with the co-operation of Rev. W. T. Brown, the field secretary of the Rocky Mountain district, the "Paragraph Pulpit" will be published in some half dozen cities, to prepare for church organization by Mr. Brown next year.

Mr. Casson wishes to hear from all ministers who are interested in this work, and who wish to adopt it in their local fields. In the majority of cases financial assistance can be given, and in all cases he is willing to arrange the details and undertake the whole management of the enterprise. He may be found at the Unitarian building any morning from ten till twelve, and will be very glad to meet all who are interested in this publicity campaign.

Tuckerman School.

The Board of Managers of the Tuckerman School offers a course of lectures to the students of the School, and to Sunday-school and church workers who may be interested to attend. Admission to these lectures will be by tickets. No charge will be made for tickets, but they will, as far as possible, be issued only to those who can promise a reasonable regularity of attendance. The lectures will be given at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from January 7 to March 25 inclusive, at four o'clock. A limited number of applications for membership in a demonstration class will be received by the Board. This class will make systematic visits to Sunday-schools for observation of the methods there employed and will hold conferences for discussion.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, Mrs. C. S. Atherton, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The lecturers and subjects are as follows:—

Introductory Lecture by Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D.D.
"The Personal Element in Religious Education," January 7th.
Four Lectures on Sunday-school Methods by Mr. Albert E. Bailey, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29.
Two Lectures "The Country Church," by Rev. Wilbert L. Anderson, Jan. 14 and 21.
"The Church and the Workingman," by Rev. Daniel Evans, January 28th.
"The Distribution of Literature," by Mrs. Frederic T. Lord, February 4th.
"The Co-operation of Church and Press," by Rev. C. W. Casson, February 5.
Two Lectures on the Teaching of Ethics in the Sunday-school, by Dr. John L. Elliott, New York, February 11th and 12th.

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National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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At the last meeting of the Executive Board held on Dec. 13th twenty-three were present, and reports were due from the Southern and Rocky Mts. sections.

Mrs. Wm. B. Seabury of Berkeley, California was elected as Vice-President of the Pacific Coast and Mrs. Caroline E. C. Saville of Quincy was elected as Director for Massachusetts.

The report of the Cheerful Letter committee was especially encouraging. "One branch during the summer has assisted a correspondent in Tennessee to start a Sunday-school. Finding they were willing to use Unitarian Lesson papers, a suitable package was sent, half the expense being borne by the branch and half by the S. S. Association, which the correspondent acknowledged, writing: 'The literature is the nicest I ever saw. Will you please send me a copy of "Our Faith." I would like to learn something more of Unitarianism as I was brought up a Methodist, my Father and Grandfather being Methodist ministers, but there are some things about your belief that I like better than Methodist doctrine.' Later she reports the Sunday-school as progressing finely with a large attendance. We have since been able to supply them with service books and are now collecting a library."

"At our first meeting Rev. Mr. Ives of Andover told us how much good the Cheerful Letter had done for his people nurse her paralyzed husband, shown friendship to a young miss who had no wholesome companions, drawn out the better nature of another who had been the talk of the neighborhood, and induced a young woman, who had gone astray, to begin to live a pure life. He closed by telling us of the great need of this Christ-like work in the abandoned New England country districts."

That Cheerful Letter work is not wholly undenominational but often leads to P. O. Mission the following extracts from a recent letter will show.

"You ask how it is that I come to take so much interest in Unitarian thought, so I will tell you as well as I can, my experience in regard to these things. I have never united with any church, though I was brought up in the Baptist church, my parents being members of that church, but the creeds and beliefs I had always heard did not satisfy me, and the more I thought and studied the less satisfying they seemed to me, until the conclusion I finally reached was nearly identical with the lines of Unitarian thought, as I have since learned that to be, but I thought I stood entirely alone, for I never heard a Unitarian sermon in my life and knew nothing whatever of the belief. Now perhaps you will understand something of what a joy and relief it was to me, to learn first, through *The Christian Register* sent me by a mem-

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place of The Register to me. I wrote the A. U. A., also to Miss Clarke for tracts and sermons, and have received a large number, all of which I read with much interest and give them to others, for I find that this thought is growing and spreading to a wonderful extent and among the members of the other churches too. The liberal thought seems to be in the air and affects all who will stop to think."

The reports from the Southern circuits continue most favorable. At Shelter Neck the school has been opened with twenty-five pupils. The teachers, Miss Clapp and Miss Warren of Framingham are much interested in the place and the people and have entered upon the work with enthusiasm. On the sea coast circuit Mr. Gillilan has good congregations many being young men. "He is gaining a strong hold upon the people by his simple earnest preaching and his own strong though sweet and gentle personality." "The Emerton School at Swansboro is a daily object lesson showing unselfish and devoted work for others on the part of the teachers, Miss Fessenden and Miss Frost." At Swansboro the Sunday-school has lately been increased by the addition of a number of Polish children, whose parents, and indeed the children too, work in the new Oyster Canning Factory. A gift of two dozen Service books from the Jamaica Plain branch has been most acceptable.

Mr. Gibson reports visiting Bristol, Rock Bluff, Mt. Pleasant, Florida, and Faceville, Georgia, and finding the friends earnest and steadfast, each in turn passing on the "good news" to others. Many of the original members have moved to distant places where they are also scattering seed which shall bear fruit later on.

The chairman of the committee on Appeals reported as follows:—

The cries for help from the little churches in Bath, New Hampshire, and Rock Rapids, Iowa have been heard and answered and their people may well feel that the spirit of the angels song "good-will toward men" is to-day still alive in our denomination.

The Appeals from New London, Connecticut, Jacksonville, Florida, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Flatbush, New York have all received some gifts but their need is still urgent. The perennial Appeals from Green Harbor and Meadville Students are evidently receiving their share of attention and are being satisfactorily reduced.

In addition to these Appeals, of which more detailed notice may be found in the October number of Word and Work, several new Appeals have been approved by the Committee, endorsed by the Board and placed on the list.

Champaign-Urbana Illinois asks for $500. to help in building the church.

This Society organized in 1906 is made up of people from these two adjacent cities and is really a University church, the State University being in Champaign. A large number of both Faculty members and students attend the services. The six trustees are all professors in the University. The services are now held in one of the University Halls by courtesy of the authorities but the time has come when the Society needs a church building in order to establish itself permanently. Five thousand dollars has been received from the $100,000. fund of the American Unitarian Association and $3,000. from local subscribers and other friends. Several thousand dollars more will be needed to complete the work. An excellent lot has been bought overlooking the University grounds.

Mrs. R. H. Davis, our Corresponding Secretary and Rev. Lewis G. Wilson Secre-

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1901, asks for $500. to furnish the church. Five thousand dollars has been received here from the $100,000 fund. A lot has been bought in a fine part of the City and the building is in process of construction. The minister writes "You cannot imagine how dear and precious it looks to me. Think of it standing a silent sentinel, its nearest neighbor on picket duty being our Portland church 600 miles away. How eager I am that our mission shall not fail here in this vast empire of the North West. I can hardly sleep night or day for fear we may fail to meet the golden opportunity of advancing our noble and loving faith." Boisé is the State Capital and should be a mission centre for our work.

Dr. Samuel A. Eliot and Dr. Joseph H. Crooker heartily commend this enterprise.

At Butte, Montana the church was organized in 1902 and this year has bought with aid of $5,000 from the Association fund a fine lot and residence which latter has been so remodeled and repaired that it serves the purpose of a church auditorium and leaves seven rooms to be used as a parsonage. The expense of these changes would have been largely provided for by local subscriptions but the slump in copper and the hard times following have made it impossible to raise money there.

Butte is practically a great mining camp and is especially affected by the present financial situation, the mines being closed and thousands thrown out of employment.

The minister, Mr. Duncan, writes, "The people are plucky and willing to do all in their power. As soon as this depression passes Butte will be a prosperous community and the Unitarian Church will

thrilling letter in regard to these two Appeals has been received from Rev. William T. Brown Field Agent for the A. U. A. in the Rocky Mountain section. Would that all our Branches might have it complete to read at their meetings! I quote a few sentences, "They are the key to the liberal future in those parts of our country which promise the greatest development in the coming 20 or 25 years. It will interest the officers of the Alliance to know that probably no church of our faith, East or West, has elicited greater sacrifices for its maintenance than the Butte church. Its membership has been composed largely of teachers in the public schools and young men of small incomes. Some of these teachers have given $5 per month $60 per year, out of their salaries for the support of the church, besides paying $10 more as tuition in Mr. Duncan's literature classes.

"Nowhere in my territory has the liberal minister made a deeper impression for liberal ideas than Mr. Duncan has done in his five years ministry in Butte, a ministry which has meant a fearful tax on the man's strength of body and faith of mind. He has had to do two men's work in order to get enough merely to live upon. I do not hesitate to commend the work in Boisé to the consideration of the National Alliance as second to none in importance in the whole country. Our cause there is worthy the heartiest support."

In both these places the ministers have to battle against a tremendous hostile prejudice. Conservative notions in religious matters still obtain there, and Unitarians are spoken of as infidels and agnostics.

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The prominent work of the Alliance is its missionary work, joining in forming churches in new centres and helping to sustain small and struggling ones already established. While each branch is entirely free in its giving, every one should feel a certain responsibility in making this part of the work national and effective. No branch is so small that it does not raise some money and every branch should spare a little even from pressing home needs, that it may be counted in as a sharer in the great opportunities before the Alliance. These opportunities are better appreciated in some sections than in others. Many a lesson of self-denial may be learned from little branches in New England which send the dollar or the fifty cents to make up the sum asked for by some distant place, overlooked or forgotten by larger and much nearer branches.

Another point needs emphasis. Although it is perhaps more business-like to require that all appropriations should be sent through the national treasury, branches are quite free to forward their own gifts directly, thus preserving the personal relation between the giver and the recipient, but when doing so it is imperative that all money sent in response to the authorized appeals printed in Word and Work, should be *reported* at once to the national treasurer.

The Southern Vice-president rejoices in the four new branches appearing in this year's Manual. At Louisville Kentucky the branch has fifty-nine members, but some are not active workers contributing their dues only; the faithful few however are always in attendance.

been made to five Mountain Schools, to nearly all the organized City Charities, to Southern Circuit Work, and to San Francisco. So many requests for fairs were received that the smaller and more struggling Branches, principally in the South and West were selected.

A short programme has been prepared for each business meeting consisting usually of Talks on travel by Alliance members. "Reminiscences of English Life" "California" and "Western Life" also reports by three delegates of the International and National Conferences. The presence of Miss Low was greatly enjoyed and the regular meeting was deferred until she could attend. A luncheon was given in her honor, with about sixty present. After which, Miss Low gave a talk on her Southern trip, the field and its success and future possibilities. It was a most enjoyable day and full of encouragement and inspiration to all.

At Highland Springs Virginia, the members were also delighted to have an opportunity to meet Miss Low, and gain helpful thoughts to carry them forward with renewed energy in their work. This branch is small but its women are loyal and earnest. They have a cosy Hall on a large corner lot in the center of the village, all paid for and Rev. J. W. Robinson, of the Richmond Church holds services here at 7.30 P.M. on the first and third Sundays of each month.

A May party and a basket picnic were very enjoyable to all who participated. All appeals for fairs have been responded to, and the branch has pledged itself to pay a portion of the minister's salary, and has purchased a Student's lamp for the

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The branch is now busy preparing for a Christmas Sale. After the holidays a series of ten socials will be held at members' homes.

From Shelter Neck, N.C. the report comes that "Our meetings have not been altogether regular. Some, however have been well attended and considerable interest manifested.

"While the resources of our members are very limited, we have been able nevertheless, to raise a sufficient sum to repair and paint our church and to send a few contributions to some of our sister branches. We feel that the influence of our work upon this community cannot be told as yet but if any at all it cannot be bad, and the hope is, that it may be made to prove of great good." The branch is planning for an Easter sale.

From Charleston, S.C. the loyal Secretary writes "January found us with the same few enthusiastic members interested in Alliance work. In February, we were glad to send greetings to our sister branch recently organized at Jacksonville, Florida, and on the 16th of Feb. we celebrated our twenty-first anniversary. The President's yearly report was an able one, and letters from absent friends cheered us with good wishes for many more anniversaries. In March, we pledged ourselves to help the ladies of the "Social Sewing Society" of our church to buy triple plate for the Parish House pantry. April found us with a small amount on hand towards the pastor's gown. Aprons find a ready sale, and at each meeting, aprons are distributed among members, who return them finished at the next meeting.

The last meeting was much enjoyed at

in work along the following lines: Literary, Social, Kindergarten, Home for the Friendless, Associated Charities, and the Needlework Guild.

The most vital feature of the regular work of the branch is its literary work. At each meeting, a committee on programme is appointed for the next meeting, and there is enthusiasm in every member and each is anxious to serve on the programme. The young ladies of the Sunday-school who are not members of the Alliance are also asked to serve on the Literary programme and all seem to thoroughly enjoy the Literary meetings. The branch has pledged itself this year, to raise one thousand dollars for the new church fund. There are twenty-four active women in the branch eager to have a new church and they have promised, each as a committee of one, to raise $50 towards this one thousand dollars. Luncheons are served every Tuesday at the church and each committee—so far—has cleared eighteen dollars each Tuesday. This work is meeting with such phenomenal success that it will be continued during the winter months.

At present, the branch is preparing for the largest Christmas sale in its history to continue two days. Booths will be in the Auditorium of the church; and lunch with hot drinks will be served in the Sunday-school room.

A report from the new branch at Jacksonville, Florida is most welcome. This branch was organized last January with twenty-six members and has devoted itself to doing all possible towards the establishment of a liberal church in the State of Florida. Their church is practi-

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sonville, any suggestions that may prove helpful. P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work have been undertaken, and the P. O. Mission committee has been endeavoring to establish points of distribution for Unitarian literature in Jacksonville and to advertise literature in different periodicals, hoping in a measure, to overcome the apparent hostility to our faith that is so often encountered by those engaged in starting a new Unitarian movement in a Southern community. The visit of Miss Low and Mrs. Peterson was very helpful and greatly appreciated by the branch.

Regular meetings have been held by the Chattanooga Tenn., branch, with an average attendance of seven. Three new members have been added, filling the place of three members lost during the year. One of these, Mrs. E. H. Price was one of the first members and the first President. She was called the "Mother" of the branch, and was such in every sense of the word—never missing a meeting until so enfeebled as to be unable to attend. During February, the ladies entertained Miss Low, the National President and altho' the weather was inclement there was a good attendance and her talk was felt to be both interesting and inspiring. Rummage Sales have been held, with good returns and material has been purchased for aprons, the members making them for sale. Several of these white aprons have been sent in response to appeals. In May, the Southern Conference met here, with a goodly number of delegates and guests. The Alliance served a dinner and entertained the delegates at their homes; also assisted in supplying Automobiles to take the guests for a trip to

held semi monthly—one, for business, the other, for social purposes. The latter, are all day meetings, a new feature in our work and a success. The ladies bring their sewing and a committee attends to a luncheon. In the morning there is a study of the Manual by Mrs. Churchill, and later a talk by the pastor upon the several churches in the South, taking one at a time as a topic for each meeting. "Each year, we contribute all necessary linen for the Unitarian Room at the Home for Incurables, besides having a Committee to visit these unfortunates and report to the branch each month, thereby keeping all in touch with the work of this Institution. All appeals for sales have been responded to; a telephone, has been put in the church the branch sharing its expense, and a sewing machine has been given. The Benevolent Committee has attended to charitable work, and a Hospitality Committee to greet and welcome strangers at church services has been appointed.

"The P. O. Mission workers meet every month and send out literature to a large list and is about to undertake sending out church calendars to a city mailing list. The purchase of the lot adjoining the church being completed it was hoped we could take up the building of a parish House or Alliance Hall thereon, this year: but owing to a suggestion that we let this matter wait until our new pastor had become settled in his work this building project has lain in abeyance. Early in February, the Branch had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Low and Mrs. Peterson, at a regular meeting and at an evening social, deriving much benefit from "the personal touch which kindles

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one active, and enthusiastic women. Regular meetings have been held since January with the exception of midsummer. The branch makes comforters, aprons, etc. for sale to add to its finances, and has held several socials, one handkerchief shower, and one apron sale. The members express grateful thanks to the many branches that have responded so generously to their appeal for useful and pretty articles for the Christmas sale. Since its organization the branch has raised $115.41, and has disbursed $89.50. At present its chief ambition is to secure a church home, and strong hopes are entertained of securing one by next spring. The pastor is doing all possible to help this band of Unitarians to get "on their feet" and the branch expresses great loyalty to him and his wife in their efforts.

The branch at Unity Church, Denver reports great activity. It has given one hundred dollars towards the church deficit this fall and has added a very handsome table to the Church and a stand to the pulpit platform. Has printed two thousand copies of two of Mr. Utter's sermons, and appropriated ten dollars for Southern circuit work.

Salt Lake City branch is at present much interested in the Rocky Mt. Associate Alliance just organized, and hopes very much to engage the young people in its meetings. This branch is to have a series of papers at its monthly meetings, the first one having been given by Rev. Wm. Thurston Brown on "The Roots of Religion," before an audience of forty.

Among the many outlets for branch activities none is more really philanthropic and productive of good than the Travelling Library. According to the under the jurisdiction of the Cheerful Letter Committee.

Several experiments along the same line have been successfully carried on in England. As the Post Office Mission is traced back to Miss Sallie Ellis, so the Travelling Library in England seems to have originated with Miss Sophia Sturge of Birmingham, who has circulated baskets or boxes of books in rural parishes, also in remote parts of Ireland and even to the Islands of the Hebrides. In the November number of The Nineteenth Century, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Hereford outlines a scheme on a somewhat extended scale for circulating libraries throughout a county. The prospectus of The Herefordshire School and Village Book Boxes for Elementary Schools and Rural Parishes, gives full details of the plan and its management. Funds are provided by private generosity, but each school and parish is expected to contribute a small yearly payment towards expressage, renewals, etc.

The Bishop says, "The system is producing a new interest in good books and a new source of enjoyment, and what we may even venture to describe as a new atmosphere in many schools and in many homes." He further says "I commend it with confidence to all who may desire to co-operate in good social work, as singularly inexpensive, elastic, adaptable and easy to administer."

It is true that Public Libraries seem to abound in America, but the many places without any library at all, and the very many schools where books for Supplementary Reading are unknown supply a field which every Alliance branch may help to fill.

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discussion. Afternoon session at 2 o'clock. "Leaves from my Note-Book" by Rev. J. H. Crooker, D.D. and an address on "The Indifference of Good People" by Rev. F. W. Perkins, Pastor of First Universalist Church of Lynn. Box luncheon.

The secretary of the branch at Rockland, Mass. is Mrs. F. H. Shaw, 111 East Water St. The secretary at Plymouth, Mass. is Miss Elizabeth Thurber 2nd, Court St. The secretary at Hood River, Oregon is Miss Ethel Entricon. The address of Mrs. Churchill, Southern Vice-president is 5035 South Rampart St., New Orleans.

The names of Miss Martha A. Baker, Dorchester; Mrs. Elizabeth N. Kendall, Waltham; Mrs. Missouri S. Child, Boston; and Mrs. Sarah Bass White, Littleton, all of Massachusetts have been added to the In Memoriam list.

The branch at New Bedford, Mass. has honored its president, Miss Louise S. Cummings, by making her a Life Member.

The president of the branch at Urbana, Illinois wishes to thank all who helped make the recent fair a success. She writes,—

"We have counted our gains and find that we cleared a hundred and twenty-five dollars. Even if we had not made so substantial a sum, we should have felt repaid partly by the pleasure of getting better acquainted among ourselves, working together, partly by the interest in the community awakened by our successful efforts but chiefly for the immense feeling those Unitarian women,—strangers,—who sent help and cordial wishes for our venture. It is wonderful and inspiring."

The branch at New Orleans is much interested in building a Parish House or Vestry in connection with the church, and wishes to profit by the experiences of others. Will secretaries of branches which are so fortunate as to have comfortable and convenient rooms for parish work, send a description of such rooms with suggestions, to Mrs. H. W. Churchill, 5035 South Rampart St. New Orleans, La.

A report from the New York League gave a pleasant account of the last meeting held at the Second Church, Brooklyn on Dec. 6th. The programme for the day was devoted to Thomas Bailey Aldrich, a paper being presented by Mrs. Hancock of Flatbush and the poem "Friar Gerond's Beautiful Book" read. Several members offered quotations from Mr. Aldrich's writings and the meeting closed with the singing of Mr. Chadwick's hymn, "It singeth low in every heart."

Appeals are as follows:—

	Sum recommended.	*Amount needed.*
London, Ontario	$400	$31
Elizabeth, N.J.	200	166
Flatbush, N.Y.	500	430
New London, Conn.	900	839
Jacksonville, Florida	900	842
Champaign, Illinois	500	
Boisé, Idaho	500	
Butte, Montana	500	
Green Harbor, Mass.	400	200
Meadville Students	250	113

The next meeting of the Executive

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Young People's Religious Union

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The fifth regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1907–1908 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1907, at 1 P.M. Pres. Arnold presided and there were present: Miss Floyd, Miss Loring, Mr. McMurdie, and Mr. Wahlberg.

The report of the November meeting was read and approved. The joining of the Sharon Y. P. R. U., and the addition of three Life Members were also reported.

The Treas. read his report that was accepted.

A letter from one of our Directors, Rev. Fred Alban Weil of Bellingham, Washington was read and it was

Voted: that we appreciate Mr. Weil's letter and we will do all that we can to further his work.

The Board recommends to the unions the advisability of not helping every appeal that comes in during the course of the year, as these may often be a detriment to our own missionary work; but it recommends that all such appeals be referred to the National Union.

The Treas. announced that the money in the Reserve Fund had been transferred from the Wildey Savings Bank to the Suffolk Institution.

The bills for the month were approved.

Voted: that the Treas. be a committee of one to provide a suitable desk lamp for the Sec.

The Union-at-Large reported an encouraging outlook.

As there was no further business

Voted: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

New Year's Greeting to the Union-at-Large

The opportunities of another year are before us. Are we going to make the most of them? Are we going to "serve the Lord with gladness," and help to bring in the Kingdom of God?

Ours is a noble privilege. Children of God—we can, in many little ways, testify to our sonship. Our lives are not, as a rule, made up of great things, of great deeds of service. Little things, small executions, kind looks, gentle words, make up our lives. Through such channels, each of us, in his or her own small world, has the mighty chance to be a power for good. All of us, owning the belief that God is our loving Father and that all men are brothers, can try to live up to this belief. All of us can endeavor to follow the Master, who leads,

"In lowly paths of service."

All of us can mould and reform our characters—not by New Year's resolutions—but by vigorous lives, that shall teach us the meaning of real salvation—salvation from self and selfishness. All of us can strive for better things, and by our striving, help the whole world "onward and upward forever."

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The Christmas Sale

The little Christmas sale on Saturday, Dec. 14, designed to swell the fair proceeds, took place as scheduled: and while the day was an unusually stormy one, a few friends dropped in to patronize and encourage.

Many thanks are due all those who, in any way, aided us to attain the following gratifying result: for all told, the fair netted, together with this sale and the articles disposed of since the fair closed, somewhat over $1950.

Boston Federation

The first meeting of the Boston Federation of Young People's Religious Unions for the season 1907–'08 was held on Sunday, Nov. 24, in the Church of the Third Religious Society of Dorchester. The afternoon session began at 4.30 o'clock by a devotional service conducted by Rev. D. Roy Freeman.

The secretary's report of the last meeting was then read and accepted, followed by the treasurer's report. Mr. O. A. McMurdie gave a report of the work done by the Hospitality Committee during Anniversary Week and during the Biennial Bazaar.

The question, "What can the Boston Federation do for the good of its constituent unions," was discussed with much interest.

After adjournment the Lawrance Union served generous refreshments and all enjoyed the social hour.

The evening meeting opened at 7.20 by the devotional service, conducted by Rev. F. Raymond Sturtevant, after which the president presided.

The secretary called the roll and found by Rev. Chas. W. Wendte on the late International Congress of Religious Liberals held in Boston. He was very interesting and instructive. During the evening everyone enjoyed the music, vocal and violin, provided by the Unity Club of West Roxbury.

The meeting closed with a hymn and a benediction.

Florence E. Brainerd, *Secretary.*

Pilgrim Federation

The annual meeting of the Pilgrim Federation was held in Brockton, Dec. 16, 1907, being opened by prayer by Rev. Abram Wyman of North Easton.

Mr. Ralph Damon, president of the Unity Guild, Brockton, gave the address of welcome to which Miss Sara Lane, president of the Federation, responded.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted while the different unions reported the work being done this year.

A suggestion was made as to the unions' all taking up the same line of study. A chairman was chosen and he was to select his own helpers in regard to this work.

Voted: to send $10 to the National Union.

The names of the members of the Executive Committee were read.

Next in order was the electing of the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Mr. Harold Lyon, President, Mr. Herbert Low, Vice President, Miss Maude C. Nutter, Secretary, and Mr. Chas. Nutter, Treasurer.

Miss Cooper thanked the unions for the help they had given her in regard to the fair, after which Miss Lane introduced Rev. Manley B. Townsend of Randolph, who spoke on the work that could be done

Boston Federation Banquet

The second annual banquet, given by the Boston Federation, was held on Wednesday evening, December 11, at the Church of the Disciples, Boston. After grace by Rev. Chas. G. Ames, a generous collation was served which all the eighty eight people present heartily enjoyed.

Following the banquet, the president of the Boston Federation gave a cordial greeting to all present. He then introduced Mr. Edgar O. Achorn who addressed the assembled company on the "Duties and Privileges of Unitarians," giving much food for thought. The second speaker was Rabbi Chas. Fleischer who also told some amusing incidents which all enjoyed. He then spoke of the importance of the individual and his relation to other people, how interest in self broadened into interest in others of one's family or race to those of other races and other countries. Rev. Chas. G. Ames, minister of the Disciples' Church, extended to the Boston Federation the hospitality of the Disciples' Guild and Church. He impressed strongly upon the young people the fact that they had in their hands the making of the future world,—that the young people of to-day would be the women and men who controlled the world in a few years. It was serious thought and one which is well worth deep reflection.

After the speaking many of the young people enjoyed dancing. From beginning to end the banquet was a great success. There was a good deal of merriment, but there was also considerable serious thought for the young people to carry away with them.

FLORENCE C. BRAINERD, *Secretary.*

Life Members

Union Notes

Pomona, Cal.—"Ours is a small union, but during the past eight months has held meetings every Sunday evening, and I can say that the work that the union has done has been of the greatest help to the church work."

Des Moines, Ia.—"Our society was organized in March and has a membership of twenty persons."

West Bridgewater, Mass.—"The work of the Y. P. R. U. was taken up with renewed interest at the beginning of the year. The meetings are held the first and third Sunday evenings of each month with some member of the union. Following the opening service some interesting reading is taken up but no definite course has as yet been decided upon for this year. In October the union gave a social tea, followed by a lecture on Alaska by Miss Annie Cobb of Abington: Miss Cobb, having been to Alaska twice, exhibited many curious and valuable specimens, making it a very pleasant and profitable affair. The proceeds amounted to $20, which were added to the fund already begun for repairs on the church vestry. Although the social side of our church work is of inestimable value, we hope to realize the *greater* need of the work of the church, and labor with a genuine love for the great and good principles, for which the church stands. Feeling this to be one of the most important of life's duties, we are learning more each day of the vast work we have before us."

North Easton, Mass.—"The Young People's Guild has just closed a very successful year both in obtaining speakers for Sunday evening meetings and in financial matters. As a branch of the Pilgrim Federation, we had charge on

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Tyngsborough, Mass.—"The work of the Tyngsborough Guild is holding up well to the motto of Truth and Worship, and in the line of Service is making some changes in the church building."

Meadville, Pa.—"Our Program Committee announced at one of our first meetings the subjects to be treated at our services from October to January. As I think it may interest you, I enclose a copy of our printed program. We had a very successful social some time ago, and we are planning for another one. Then we, or rather the church, is going to have a Remembrance Sale soon, at which time two plays, a little farce, 'Per Telephone' and 'The Courtship of Miles Standish' are to be given under the auspices of the Look-up League."

Contributions

It is hoped that the unions, in sending their annual dues to the National Treasurer, will not neglect to state exactly how much is to be used for National Union purposes and how much for missionary work. And, furthermore, whether the sum meant for missionary work is to be spent for general missionary work or for Proctor Academy. It may be remembered that it was voted at the Annual Meeting last May to raise $300 for missionary purposes; and it has since been decided to raise $150 or more for general missionary purposes and $150 or more for Proctor Academy. Thus far the unions have contributed nothing for the former work, and the following for Proctor Academy:

Norton,	5.00
Taunton,	5.00
Total,	$33.00

Those that have already contributed directly to Proctor Academy will receive credit as having made a donation to this missionary fund: but hereafter, it seems preferable to have the money sent through the National Treasurer. It is gratifying to see so much interest taken in the work for this academy and we hope to be able to aid very materially the good work already being done there. It is expected, however, that the contributions to our general missionary fund will be carefully considered as well.

Points and Lines

The Y. P. R. U. of Sharon, Mass., Miss Louise D. Perry, *Secretary*, is the latest society to join the National Union. These young people organized last year and have been active workers in their church ever since.

Unity Fraternity of Winthrop, Mass., has been formed recently with a membership of eighteen.

The Union-at-large now has more than eighty enrolled and is constantly growing.

It would be well to bear in mind that the 1908 calendars are still on sale, and will make neat, acceptable New Year's gifts for your friends.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1908, there will be held a joint meeting of the Y. P. C. U. (Universalist) and the Y. P. R. U. at the South Congregational Church, Boston. Rev. Edward Cummings will conduct the service and Dr. Hamilton, Pres. of Tufts College, will deliver an address.

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. A. H. Spence, Jr., has accepted a call to the First Parish, Medfield, Mass. Rev. E. A. Rumball, late of the Orthodox Congregational fellowship, has accepted a call to Rochester, N.Y. Rev. George Gilmour has taken charge of the Parkside Church, Buffalo, N.Y. Rev. C. A. Henderson has resigned at Bridgewater, Mass., to accept a call to Wilmington, Del. Rev. W. W. Peck has resigned at Needham to accept a call to Winchendon, Mass. Rev. E. J. Prescott has resigned at Warwick to accept a call to Rockland, Mass. Mr. H. A. Arnold of the Harvard Divinity School has received a call to Littleton, Mass. Rev. J. L. Marsh has resigned at Lincoln, Neb., and Rev. J. G. Boughter has resigned at Eureka, Cal. Rev. W. C. Adams has resigned at Barnstable, Mass., and has received a call to the Second Church, Boston. He has also visited Pittsburg, Pa., Youngstown and Cleveland, Ohio, and has given addresses in the Tuckerman School course and before the Boston Association of Ministers and the Ministerial Union. In February the President will make a journey in the South. His Sunday appointments will be at Brooklyn, N.Y., Jacksonville, Fla., and Washington, D.C. He also expects to visit Richmond, Charleston, Atlanta, and Chattanooga. At Washington he will be one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Religious Education Association.

At the Rooms at 25 Beacon Street, the work of our National body goes on unabated. The large number of visitors and inquirers seeking advice concerning the affairs of individual churches, the many committee meetings, lectures,

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the Second Church, Boston, Jamaica Plain, Fitchburg, the South Congregational Church, Boston, and at Southboro, Mass.

Helps for Churches. The printed helps which the Association provides for the use and guidance of local parishes are widely used, but many inquiries that come to headquarters indicate that the writers are not acquainted with the Year Book or the Hand Book or the tract catalogues and similar things. It may be well to occasionally remind the members of our communion that the Association publishes, and distributes free of cost, some 290 tracts which are placed at the service of all our churches for local distribution. These include many striking and impressive presentations of truth and are printed in many different forms and languages. The Year Book gives all the statistics of the Unitarian body, and with the Hand Book provides the information with which every worker in our cause ought to be familiar. The Hand Book tells how successful churches and Sunday-schools and Alliances and Young People's Unions are organized and administered. A good many societies have availed themselves of the suggestions of this invaluable pamphlet, but many more appear to be unfortunately or wilfully ignorant of its recommendations. Societies about to build churches will find the report of the Committee on the Plans of Churches exceedingly helpful, while the report of the Committee on Covenants cannot fail to be interesting to societies that propose to revise their basis of fellow-

The League of Lay Centres. The formation of a League of Lay Centres for which an appropriation was recently made by the Board of Directors appears desirable in order to meet a demand for a liberal interpretation of religion and for a simple form of worship in harmony with it that can be conducted under lay leadership and without the expense and responsibility of the ordinary church organization. It is not in any sense an aggressive effort to invade the territory of churches already established, but to furnish congenial religious instruction and inspiration for those who would not otherwise have any church affiliations. Throughout this and other countries there are small groups of people who have arrived at religious convictions not in harmony with the doctrines taught in many of the churches, who yet hunger for the spiritual food that has been and is supplied by the leading prophets and preachers of the liberal faith. The Lay Centres are intended to organize these groups of people, furnish them with a leader, supply them with a carefully selected series of sermons by our ablest preachers, and the means of conducting simple, effective, and helpful services of worship. It is also hoped that, where these Centres are formed in many of the larger towns and cities, a sufficient constituency may eventually be secured to ensure the establishment of strong and self-supporting Unitarian churches. Where the conditions are favorable such an evolution is the natural result to anticipate; but those who are interested in the formation of Lay Centres will see their

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ised for the purpose, a certificate of membership in the League is issued, a Leader is selected, and the outfit for the conduct of Lay services is sent from headquarters. A small and attractive service book, containing fifteen responsive services and about seventy-five hymns, has been prepared for this purpose. These books are to be bought and owned by members of the Centre. The Leader is appointed annually and receives a small stipend guaranteed by the American Unitarian Association. Each Centre also makes an annual contribution to the Association and is entitled to representation by delegates to the annual meeting. The sermons are sent from the tract department, bearing the stamp of the Association and the Leader returns to headquarters a weekly report indicating the place where the services are held, the sermons read, the number of people present, the amount of the collection, and other information. These reports will be properly filed at headquarters and will furnish a record of each Centre which can be consulted at any time. A small book of blanks is provided for this purpose. The Scripture selections are arranged from "The Soul of the Bible" and the music now published in existing hymn-books is indicated for the use of the accompanist.

In thus giving specific and detailed instructions and leagueing together the different Centres under a comprehensive method, the single object in view is to secure efficiency on the part of the local Centre and to co-ordinate its interests and activities with all the other groups. It has been found by experience well known churches that very little familiarity with the message and methods of Unitarianism can be taken for granted on the part of the people in the localities where such movements are desired. A period of direction, of advice, and good counsel is necessary before small groups of people unaccustomed to our habit of thought and to congregational responsibilities and usages can alone assure the permanent founding of a Unitarian church. The Lay Centre is intended to furnish the preliminary training necessary to the formation and support of the independent church. On the one hand it encourages local self-reliance; and on the other, the spirit of fraternal co-operation with the National body. And all the while a course of liberal religious instruction and inspiration under systematic direction is assured. Photographs of the preachers whose sermons are read by the Leader will be placed upon the desk where they can be seen by the members, and thus the *personnel* of Unitarianism will be made familiar. And from time to time measures will be taken to provide further instruction concerning historical and organised liberalism.

While this effort is, in some respects, a new departure in the organization of Unitarian groups, it is similar to methods adopted by other organizations with eminent success. In so far as it is experimental it will need the kindly encouragement of all who have our cause at heart, and judging by the many expressions of approval already received from those to whom the plan has been submitted, there is much to warrant us in

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We are now in the very midst of the winter's work and doubtless all are busy carrying out the plans of the year. Through Word and Work each branch has intimate knowledge of all that transpires in the denomination, what the Young People are trying to do and the larger projects of the American Unitarian Association as well as the Alliance, if only the members would read it. So much is being attempted that we no longer hear that Alliance meetings are not interesting. The difficulty now is to find time to explain all that is projected and secure the proper amount of co-operation. Holiday fairs being over it is now a good time to canvass the parish and bring every woman into the Alliance. Each year new undertakings bring more work and larger responsibilities and there should be larger accessions of membership. It will not be difficult to convince these new members of the value of the work.

Twenty-three members were present at the Executive Board meeting held in Boston on Jan. 10th, 1908. Miss Low opened the meeting with a delightful account of her recent visit to Montreal and the dedication of the new church there. An Alliance meeting largely attended added to the pleasure and profit of her visit. An interesting meeting at Newton Mass. was also reported as one of the events of the month.

New branches have been formed at Bloomington, Illinois Mrs. J. H. Mueller, secretary, and at McKeesport, Pennsylvania Miss Ida Lees, 1905 Huey St. secretary.

It is with great satisfaction that the revival of the branch at Montague, Massachusetts is reported. At one time it became an Arts and Crafts society, but under a new minister the interest in Alliance has been renewed and the greater once more absorbs the less. The secretary is Mrs. A. N. Somers. Will not every branch secretary send a cordial letter to these new branches?

A new appeal was recommended to the branches. For the Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry the same sum is asked for, as for the Meadville Theological School. The necessity of making these institutions thoroughly excellent has always been evident to the Alliance. A part of our work is to sow the seed, to interest men and women everywhere in our faith and gather them together in groups, to form Sunday circles and help to build churches, and for all these, trained missionaries and preachers are constantly needed. Mr. Southworth of Meadville writes "It is true that we do send students out for missionary work who are recipients of beneficiary funds. We are beginning services for example, this year in two or three school houses, which have been thus far altogether

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Harvard Divinity School, Meadville having only $700 to be applied in that way.

Reports from the Southern Circuits continue good. On the sea coast in North Carolina the teachers at the Emerton school gave a reception to Mr. Gillilan and Mrs. Peterson which was much enjoyed. The Mayor was heard to say that "the Unitarians had taken the whole of Swansboro," and Miss Frost writes "Our fair was a great success socially and financially ($65) and words cannot tell of those, who two years ago came to scoff and now remained to buy!" At Shelter Neck the school is larger than it ever was having 36 pupils, and "Dix House is becoming truly a neighborhood house." The Christmas tree with special services on the following Sunday were much enjoyed, an unexpected visit from Rev. Mr. Key giving additional pleasure. Mrs. Peterson will return north for the month of February but it is the wish of the committee on southern affairs to send her back for three months as the regular missionary on the sea-coast circuit.

The work in Florida has been somewhat interrupted by an accident to Mr. Gibson, who is rapidly recovering and will soon be active again.

The Study Class committee promises that the leaflet on Hymns and Hymn Writers shall be ready in a short time. This committee is desirous of securing some new lending papers on Alliance subjects and would be glad if branches having such would communicate with the chairman.

The Post office Mission committee brought to the attention of the board the Proceedings of the International Council for sale at one dollar. This is not only a valuable addition to a library

The Canadian branches are all very much alive, have held regular meetings, and are busy in various ways trying to raise funds to help with church expenses.

Montreal reiterates the pleasure so eagerly longed for, of dedicating the new church, when Dr. S. A. Eliot preached in the morning and Dr. James De Normandie in the evening. In September this branch held a small conference when some dozen English and foreign delegates stayed a few days here before going to the International Congress, and their inspiring addresses were appreciated by all. In Nov'r a Harvest Supper added $100. to the Organ Fund, and all members are doing their best to raise the second $1000. this season.

The Ottawa branch is doing more work for the Salvation Army Rescue Home, as they find there a wider field of usefulness than anywhere else. The sewing circle meets at the homes to make garments for the poor, and it is felt this method brings the people into closer touch and makes them better acquainted. Instead of the usual bazaar, each member is to earn $2. or more to be handed to the treasurer in April.

Toronto reports a fair which added $200. to the treasury. During the summer meetings were held at the homes and were both enjoyable and profitable. Mrs. Marshall of the Women in Council spoke of the desirability of the National Alliance adopting some simple badge for its members. She had recently met members away from home, and only found that they were Alliance women after she had been with them a considerable time.

The Hamilton branch is working hard to raise the $200. promised towards the maintenance of the church. A social, a supper

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evenings at the homes of different members, and with a view of raising money has decided to try the "Talent money" plan. Each member has invested a small sum of money, belonging to the branch, in some project, and next spring the total proceeds and the efforts of each will be reported.

At All Souls' New York the meetings of the study class have been held every two weeks since November. Mr. Slicer has read from Emerson's "Letters and Social Aims." On January 1st the Browning class was reopened with an attendance of seventy. These classes will meet till the first of April on every Wednesday, the Browning and Emerson readings alternating. The Post Office Mission has sent out about two thousand sermons.

The branch at the Church of Messiah New York, has held two meetings with about 60 present showing the interest members are taking in Mr. Holmes' talks on "Jesus," which follow the business meeting of the branch. P. O. Mission active and has an exchange with six branches, of Mr. Savage's old Unity Pulpit sermons. Sent a barrel of magazines to Newfoundland. Entertainments have been planned taking the place of the fair held last year. A new committee in this branch is The Junior Benevolent Committee of young girls from 12 to 18 years, who are being trained for Alliance work. They are much interested and the secretary hopes it will prove a wise move.

Five traveling libraries for ministers are in active use and names on the waiting list.

The Lenox Avenue Alliance has as usual a fine literary programme for the season, and the papers with the spirited have been the topics considered. In the spring Mr. Wright unfolded his plan, for the contribution of the Harlem Church to the A. U. A. fund, that of wiping out their own indebtedness to the Association, and asked the Alliance to pledge a definite sum toward this work. The sum promised was $1000. and in December the branch had the great pleasure of redeeming its pledge, showing what a branch can do with a definite work before it. With a membership of 125 this branch has a fine P. O. Mission and a Philanthropic Committee notable for its many activities. The director wishes there was room for a full report.

The branch at the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn has worked as usual, sewing meetings at which articles for a fair are made, and business meetings, at which there is a paper, followed by the social cup of tea, alternating every two weeks.

The pleasant custom of inviting the parish to a supper, early in the fall, which was inaugurated some years ago, was kept up this year, and about 150 accepted. This brings the people together in an informal way, and makes the new comers feel at home. A musicale was given at the third meeting, the young people of the church giving their services. One feature of the meetings is the very interesting religious news report, prepared and read by different members. P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter committees actively at work.

At the Second Church, Brooklyn, all committees are active and interested. The branch has contributed $100. towards the minister's salary, and also bears the expense of a kindergarten teacher in Sunday school. This branch is most helpful in the charitable work of the city,

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mittee has 100 names on the list and sends out much cheerful reading, books, magazines, and illustrated papers. Papers on St. Augustine, and the Doctrines of Arius and Athanasius have been given at the meetings, which are followed by luncheon.

The branch at Unity Church Brooklyn, holds its meetings in the morning and a luncheon follows. Under the auspices of the literary committee the branch has had papers on "Child Labor" "Education in Morals" "Children in Fiction" and also in charge of the same committee a study class meeting every two weeks, Masterman's "In Peril of Change" being the topic, and spirited discussion follows the reading. All meetings are held in the Parish House opposite the church, which is a great addition in carrying on the social activities. At the meeting the result of the five dollar pledges, toward the building fund, will be shown, and much interest will be aroused no doubt, as the members tell how they earned their money. P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter Committee doing much good work.

The band of patient faithful women in Flatbush, N.J. have at last had their hopes realized. The beautiful church is completed, and services are held regularly, although there is still much to be done in the way of furnishing. This of course, the women have undertaken, and no doubt sister branches will help them redeem their pledge. A most successful sale and supper brought $645.47, of which $500 will be given towards the sum to be paid to the Building Loan Fund, if needed by the trustees. P. O. Mission Committee has 40 correspondents and is trying to reach some people near by, who do not know what Unitarianism means. Cheerful Letter Committee is most interesting and grateful letters come from

Christian Church" is proving very interesting and instructive, and fine papers have been given. The meetings are well attended and membership has been doubled.

The Newburgh N.Y. Alliance has had three meetings this season, taking as the subject for the winter "Women Leaders of the Liberal Church," and papers written by the members, have been given at each meeting. Social meetings have enabled them to raise money for the expenses of the choir, and at the sewing meetings articles are made for sales to be held at intervals during the season.

The supper in connection with the annual meeting of the society is in charge of the Alliance and they generally look after the details of church needs.

Yonkers Alliance has a meeting every week, two meetings in the month being given to sewing, one to business, and one social, with an address. Mr. Robinson of Newburgh has spoken on the Sunday school and Mr. Greenman on the "Hurry Mania" and Mrs. Davis has paid her annual visit. There are 41 members, and much P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter besides charitable and philanthropic work is done.

New Brighton (Staten Island) branch reports one of the most encouraging results of the work this autumn is the opening of an active Sunday-school, with a Bible study class, intermediate and kindergarten departments, the last under the care of a trained kindergartner. All the classes are well attended, and the school is under the able direction of an experienced superintendent, the principal of a large public school. The congregation was happily surprised to find, upon the opening of the church after the summer vacation, that the pews, for which the Alliance had been working, were installed. The

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mas sale this year, but to raise the money by a subscription of the members. The result is not yet known, but last year, when this plan was tried for the first time, $368 was realized.

At Flushing the branch is reading Mr. Chadwick's Life of William Ellery Channing. Gifts for sales have been sent to several branches, and church flowers and Christmas greens provided. A marked feature of the meetings is the religious news. The branch had charge of a reception given to the minister Rev. J. H. Ecob, on Dec. 7th.

The Gouverneur branch has had a successful season of work so far, with 26 members, whose chief efforts have been directed towards helping the new pastor to establish himself. A sale brought over a hundred dollars which was used mostly for general church needs, new service books and a leader for the singing. Monthly suppers add to the social life.

In Jamestown, N.Y. the branch has various committees all active. Each month there is a different project for raising money and $250 has been the result. This is considerable as the membership is not large.

The branch at Parkside, Buffalo reports meeting twice a month to sew and hold the society together, as the church was closed until January. There is "no reason why the rest of the year should not be as satisfactory as former years as we have thirty enthusiastic members" and a new minister.

The branch at the First Church, Buffalo, N.Y. has listened to reports and papers D. E. Baker, Barrington St. The branch has given $150 towards church expenses.

An excellent report from the branch at Syracuse, N.Y. shows much activity. A reception to the recently appointed pastor's assistant, the celebration of the golden wedding of Dr. Calthrop, when a purse of $600 was given by the congregation, a food sale, the purchase of silver ware, curtains for the parlor and new burners for the Sunday school room. "We also pay $150 toward the salary of the pastor's assistant. Mrs. White has only been with us three months but the results of her work are everywhere apparent in the church. An increased Alliance membership; the formation of a Samuel R. Calthrop League of 36 members and a re-awakened Sunday school where she presides as Superintendent. The Alliance is about to try the experiment of two meetings a month, the first a literary and social meeting and the second a purely business and social meeting. We are trying to interest all the church women in the active work of the Alliance. The result remains to be seen."

The International Congress, a review of Mr. Campbell's "The New Theology" and The early Botanists in Central New York have been the subjects of papers at the meetings. The secretary wishes requests for fairs sent to Mrs. John F. Barr, 813 James St.

A well attended meeting of the New York League was held on Jan. 3d at the Lenox Ave. church. The subject considered was "Some dangerous tendencies in social life," the speakers being Mrs.

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the Elizabeth Branch, and although the day proved to be one of the stormiest of the year, 56 members and a number of visitors were present. The morning session was given up to reports and a conference of presidents. After luncheon Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell gave the principal address of the day. The reports from branches show continued interest and zeal on the part of all the members and the outlook in New Jersey seems very encouraging.

Montclair branch reports that P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter Committees sent much literature to the farming country in the far West and to the Lighthouse keepers along the Atlantic shore, to the local hospital and to the Seaman's Christian Home in New York. About 200 sermons were taken from the racks in the church. A Traveling Library of 160 books in the south is being highly appreciated. Two sales were well patronized and among other disbursements were $50 toward cancelling the church debt to the Loan Fund.

The branch at Elizabeth, N.J. enjoys a printed programme which is the gift of a member. Has answered many requests for fairs and sent garments to institutions, and made a beginning in P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work, but the engrossing interest is necessarily the new church, which will probably be finished in March or April. The outlook is bright and "we are happy."

Plainfield, N.J. has held all day sewing meetings in the homes and found them pleasant social gatherings. A supper netted the branch $350. The Study Class has taken for its subject "Liberal Religions and Movements in our own country" as a fitting continuation of the last year's pro-

membership and in interest. A reception has been given to the new minister Mr. Graves and a fair realized $135. All requests for sales answered.

Orange, N.J. also reports increase in membership. The Study Class which is the adult class of the Sunday school has taken the Early Stories of the Bible for the subject. The Friendly Society has distributed much clothing. Post office Mission and Cheerful Letter committees active and both self-supporting.

The Hackensack, N.J. branch holds alternate meetings for sewing and business. The Study Class is much interested in "Representative Women." A successful sale and a package auction have been held, and the branch is in a prosperous condition.

The Ridgewood, N.J. branch has had an active year, reception to the minister, strawberry festival, Thanksgiving sale and fortnightly meetings. Since April last, the Alliance has raised $174.83, and has paid out $140. to Loan Fund, all Alliance dues to N. Y. League, National Alliance and N. J. Associate Alliance, all pledges to Southern Circuit and local charities, repairs and water bill for Church, Christmas gift to minister, Easter and Christmas flowers, and has balance in bank for next loan payment. The usual course of winter readings has begun. "We have no P. O. Mission or study class; all our time and strength is given to keeping alive our little Church, and helping in every way to support our minister. We are strengthened and helped by Mr. Graves, but have no new members, either in Church or Alliance."

The members of the Alliance of Rutherford, N.J. have been working quietly and faithfully throughout the year and their efforts have been crowned with a full measure of success. Meetings have been

as well as adding to the sociability of the church.

Flowers were sent to the sick and all requests from other branches were answered. Interesting programs were prepared for each meeting consisting of the study of Renan's "Life of Jesus," instructive readings or an address, and music. Tea was served during the social half hour and the result of the year's work is decidedly encouraging.

The third year of The Junior Alliance of The Church of Our Father, Rutherford has been profitably spent. In April the members assisted by the Boys' Unity Club gave an entertainment which was successful both financially and socially, the proceeds amounting to $38. The annual Lawn Party and Sale held for the benefit of The Fresh Air Fund of New York was held in June, and $25 was used for the support of the Junior Alliance Bed at Sea Breeze, and the remainder giving twenty children a day's outing. At Thanksgiving a barrel of vegetables was sent to The Warren Goddard Home of New York to be distributed among the poor. Two barrels of clothing sent to the Kowaliga School of Alabama, and articles of fancy work to the Samuel Longfellow Branch in Philadelphia and to the Alliance in Urbana, Ill. "In all our work we have had the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Rutherford Alliance."

The Philadelphia branch continues monthly meetings with an attendance seldom falling below one hundred. The November meeting was merged with the Middle States Conference and the visit of the national officers was much enjoyed. libraries in use. The monthly written papers have been of much interest and the discussions which follow are full of thought and show much greater ease of speech than was possible last year when the history of liberal religious movements was the topic.

The Samuel Longfellow Guild is active and interested in various directions both practical and theoretical.

One Committee attends to the Church house and packs barrels for the South, several of which have been sent. In Nov. a fair was held to pay for the expenses of the Church parlors and Sunday school library; $570.61 was raised. An Alliance table received 65 articles from other branches and lovely letters, even when no gift accompanied them. Each month a speaker gives a talk on the philanthropic work going on in the city. The largest work participated in by the Guild is the Nicetown Boys and Girls Club having nearly 300 boys and 230 girls. This Club has grown from small beginnings, and now in its model building, costing $40,000, a Memorial to Mr. E. W. Clark of Philadelphia given by his family is doing noble work. Many of the Alliance women take active part as teachers and helpers.

Spring Garden Branch, Philadelphia has held seven meetings, and earned $147. "Our charities have included a contribution to the A. U. A. Missionary fund, a box of gifts to Miss Fessenden, a bundle each month to the District Nurses, two boxes of reading matter to the Seamen's Mission, also a large bundle of men's clothing to be given to shipwrecked sailors." "We have always had a literary number at each meeting, the pro-

in this winter's work. The meetings are held in the evening. A six o'clock dinner is given and directly after comes the business part of the program. Money is raised by Round Table Suppers at which $1.00 a plate is asked and which have proved a success for four years. A Remembrance Sale was held in December the proceeds of which amounted to $460. For instruction and amusement there are classes in German and Emerson. Since last spring the Alliance has covered the cushions of the church, $5. has been given to the Sunday school for pictures, $30. to help the church debt for 1906 and $200. toward defraying expenses for this year.

Pittsburg Branch reports that it is very active, more interesting meetings than ever before and attendance larger. Meetings are held every Wednesday and lunch is served in the church parlors at one o'clock.

The first Wednesday is devoted to business reports from eleven committees. On the second and fourth Wednesday the Study Class takes charge and this year there is a fine program of study of the New Testament. Music, art and literature are brought in when appropriate to the subject. The third Wednesday is given to sewing while some one reads aloud. The play of "Herod" by Stephen Phillips was read in parts very nicely and proved an instructive addition to the Bible studies. A course of Emerson readings by Miss Chamberlain of Cambridge will be given during the winter with lunch as usual. Much enthusiasm is felt over this season's program.

The tiny new branch at McKeesport founded last autumn through the efforts of some Pittsburg women is quite encouraging. There are seven members who

At Wilmington, Dela. the branch feels a little discouraged as illness and removal have greatly depleted its ranks. Then also they have no regular minister and this throws a damper over all church activities. The younger people have started a Unity Circle which, though good in itself, has also taken some members' time and work. A few meetings have been held but no regular business accomplished as yet.

The Lancaster, Pa. branch is the only one with the significant report that *all* the women of the church, young and old are members of the Alliance. Meetings are held at the homes and several social events are in progress. It is expected that the new church building will be started in the spring.

The Director for Maryland and the District of Columbia, reports that the two societies in Baltimore and Washington are keeping pace with the needs of the hour—both contributing to charity and church work and as far as possible sending money to struggling churches that appeal for help, responding to the requests of sister branches for articles for sales, and keeping up the activities within their own borders.

Washington supports a trained visiting nurse, and maintains 3 traveling libraries. The December sale was most successful. Baltimore Branch in November held an envelope party, from which a goodly sum was realized combining with it a Parish Social with music. Both branches have papers read and discussed, though no regular study classes. The P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter committees have their discouragements but with all there is room for much cheer and hope.

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The National Post-office Mission Com-

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Harold G. Arnold, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The 6th regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1907–1908 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Arnold presided and there were present: Misses Floyd, Loring, Taylor, Mr. McMurdie, and Mr. Wahlberg.

The report of the December meeting was read and approved. There were also reported one new Life Member, the joining of the Union at Bellingham, Wash., and the formation of a society at Newton, Mass.

The Treas. read his report that was accepted.

The bills for the month were approved.

A letter from the George H. Ellis Co., was read, stating the advance in price for Jubilate Deo, and in consequence it was

Voted: that Jubilate Deo hereafter be sold for 40c without services, and 50c with services.

$1943.05 was reported as the final proceeds of the fair to date.

Voted: that the meeting be adjourned, on account of important business, one week from to-day.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

Board of Directors' Adjourned Meeting

The meeting adjourned, from Jan. 7, 1908, was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Arnold presided and there were present: Misses Floyd, Loring, Taylor, Messrs. McMurdie, Perkins, and Wahlberg.

Voted: that Mr. Van Ness be our accredited delegate to the various places he visits in the West and that he does what he can for us.

Voted: that the sympathy of the Board be extended to Mr. Melcher in his present illness.

Voted: that we re-print 500 copies of the little pamphlet of service and songs, and that Mr. Perkins be Chairman of this committee with power to appoint his own committee members.

A communication, recently received from Rev. John L. Robinson of Richmond, Va., was read by the Pres.

Voted: that this matter be deferred to the next Board meeting.

Voted: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

Union-At-Large.

The outlook for the Union-at-Large is propitious for the new year. Letters are frequently received by the Secretary, Miss Loring, expressing the great pleasure and benefit that the members get from the pamphlets.

There are now over eighty members and the committee hopes to add many more names to the list this year.

A letter has just been sent out to all the addresses so far received and already five replies have come in within a short time.

Anyone having knowledge of any young man or woman, away from home at school, at college, or at work, is asked to send the name and address to Miss Elizabeth Loring, 120 Marlboro St., Boston, Mass. Or, if you happen to be a member who has left college or who

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would be happy to welcome suggestions at any time.

Contributions

It is hoped the unions will take prompt action on the appeal sent out by the Finance Committee and send in their contributions or the pledges for the year as soon as possible.

Since the December issue the following contributions to Proctor Academy have been made:

Herford Club, Boston	$2.00
Disciples' Guild, Boston	1.25
West Newton	5.00
Total	$8.25

As $33.00 has already been reported, the total to date is $41.25. For the special missionary Fund, there has been contributed:

Disciples' Guild, Boston	$1.25
West Newton	5.00
Total	$6.25

Secretary Changes

The following changes in secretaries are to be noted:

East Boston, Mass. (c) Miss Frankie E. Sullivan, 26 Monmouth St.

Bradlee Union, Dorchester. (s) Miss Edith Margeson, 72 Hiawatha Road, Mattapan.

No. Easton. (s) Miss B. Ruth Ebbs.

Fitchburg. (s) Miss Alice C. Mason, 102 Rollstone St.

Norton. (s) Miss Florence Dorr.

Willard Reed of Cambridge gave an inspiring address to a good sized congregation.

Littleton, Mass. On Sunday, Jan. 12, the Littleton Guild held a neighborhood meeting when a goodly company, despite the disagreeableness outside, listened to one of the Directors of the National Union, Mr. Palfrey Perkins, who spoke on the Cardinal Principles.

Leominster, Mass. On Dec. 30, following a custom of the last few years, the Leominster Union gave a supper in honor of the members at home for the Christmas vacation. This meant a general good time to the sixty or more present, besides giving an opportunity to greet those formerly active or interested in the local church work.

Roslindale, Mass. At one of its regular meetings, Jan. 3, the Roslindale Union invited two or three of the neighboring unions to be present. Mr. Atherton addressed the gathering in his usual interesting way.

Bellingham, Wash. "We are a society of about ten attending members. We are doing all we can to help the local society and further the cause of Unitarianism. This year we are studying Great Church and Religious Reformers. Each Sunday evening one of our members takes up a topic, gives the paper, and leads in the general discussion that follows."

The Shoals Reunion

The attention of our young people is called to the Reunion of the Isles of

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It is hoped that all the young people who have ever attended the Shoals' meetings will find it convenient to be in attendance on Feb. 22.

Speaking Committee

The Speaking Committee reports this list of engagements filled by the following speakers this fall and winter:

Sept. 22, Rev. Frederic R. Griffin, at W. Bridgewater.
Oct. 6, Mr. Harold G. Arnold, at Christ Church, Dorchester.
" " " Percy A. Atherton, at Bradlee Union, Dorchester.
" 13, " Arnold, at So. Middlesex Federation.
" 20, " Frederic G. Melcher, at No. Worcester Federation.
" 27, " Arnold, at Charlestown, N.H.
Nov. 3, " Atherton, at Neponset.
" " " Arnold, at Stow.
" " Rev. Wm. H. Parker, at So. Worcester Federation.
" " Mr. Wm. G. Harrington, at Brockton.
" 8, " Arnold, at Beverly.
" 10, " Palfrey Perkins, at E. Bridgewater.
" " Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell, at Winkley Guild, Boston.
" " Mr. Melcher, at Bradlee Union, Dorchester.
" 17, " Arnold, at Newport, R.I.
" " " Melcher, at East Boston.
" 24, " Atherton, at Second Church, Salem.
" " Miss Melvin, at Winthrop.
Dec. 8, Mr. Atherton, at Marlboro.
Jan. 3, Mr. Atherton, at Roslindale.
" 5, " Arnold, at East Boston.
" " Rev. Willard Reed, at Cohasset.
" 12, Mr. Perkins, at Littleton.
" 14, " Joseph A. Harwood, at Sharon.
" 19, " Sanford Bates, at Quincy.
" " " Perkins, at Newton
" 26, " Harwood, at Billerica.

Life Membership

One Life Member is reported this month, Rev. Dudley R. Child of Charlestown, N.H. This makes our number 65.

Points and Lines

A new union has been organized in Newton, Mass., with about 30 members, that bids in time to be one of our active

"the resuming of the meetings has met with approval and interest."

The Y. P. R. U. of Castine, Maine, lately organized, has issued a neat winter's program, showing meetings held every Sunday evening and an entertainment on the last Friday of the month.

The Young People's Study Class of Bellingham, Wash., Miss Grace Allen, *Secretary*, is our newest addition to the National Organization.

Any union, desirous of adding to its funds, may be interested to know that Miss Emma R. Ross, 97 Main St., Haverhill, Mass., a former National Union Secretary, has prepared several lectures on the Philippines,—bearing on the life, customs, etc., of the Filipino people. Miss Ross spent a number of years in these islands and has a large collection of photographs and curios by way of illustrations. For terms and dates, apply to the address given above.

Unions, young people's societies, and other friends of Morgan Memorial, may be interested to learn that four performances of the Wonder-Wanderman by Eugene Field, are to be given for the benefit of this cause in Tremont Theatre, Saturday afternoons, Feb. 29 and Mar. 7: also on Thursday and Friday afternoons, Mar. 5 and 6.

Y. P. C. U.—Y. P. R. U.

The union meeting of the Young People's Christian Union and the Young People's Religious Union, occurred on Wednesday, January 29, too late for an account in full to go to the press for this issue. Next month a full report will be given, however.

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A Letter from Proctor Academy

The members of the Young People's

nasium plan which the Unions have been urged to make their specific object for the coming year.

At her suggestion the gymnasium will be named "Slocomb Hall."

The alterations of the present stable will be commenced as early in the spring as possible. The estimates for the entire cost being $3360. We hope to raise the balance needed before then so that the task can be completed at the same time. This plan will save expense; and generous support given now, by the Young People's Religious Union will materially help to achieve it.

The gymnasium outfit, so generously given by the Prospect Hill School for Girls, can then be used, and the building will become one of the most important features in the life of the school.

To-day baseball is the sport, which arouses most interest among the students. This also makes such local enthusiasm that almost the entire village turns out to cheer the team. An excellent natural field is available and this could be used for other sports as well.

Our country boys and girls make good athletes. Farm work develops sound bodies and steady nerves. Then this year's arrivals from Wilton, N.H., Quechee, Vt., Colchester, Conn., Brooklyn, N.Y., Roxbury and Boston, Mass. should furnish material with which to meet the fierce rivalry of the neighboring New Hampshire academies.

Athletics — kept within reasonable limits—help a school. They teach self-control, endurance of strain, and *esprit de corps*. These are naturally first learned on the physical plane. Once acquired here, they can be transferred to the class room and to study.

The growing enthusiasm towards, and loyalty among the students to, Proctor Academy show that a genuine school spirit is coming into being, which means much for its future usefulness and power. The institution is finding its soul.

Outside amusements have been discouraged and internal activities quickened. The fortnightly literary meetings were never so good as they are to-day. The co-educational plan preserves a natural and wholesome attitude of the boys and girls towards one another. The best qualities of each are brought out through rational comradeship and participation in common tasks.

Proctor Academy is in the formative stage, and its experienced body of teachers is all the time adding to its efficiency. The student roll has grown by ten pupils a year for the past four years, and this rate tends to increase all the time. The gymnasium should give us a special impulse forward.

Some of our friends want us to add a teacher in science next year, and it might be well if he could also be the physical instructor. If finances permit this will probably be done.

Meanwhile I hope that many individuals, as well as the enthusiastic members of the Young People's Religious Union, will help us to make this gymnasium an assured and prompt success.

Proctor Academy has great missionary possibilities for the Unitarian denomination.

Henry G. Ives

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. Melvin Brandow has resigned at Lancaster, Pa., to accept a call to the First Parish, Plymouth, Mass.

Rev. J. D. Reid has resigned at Greenfield, Mass., to accept a call to Unity Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. O. J. Nelson has resigned at Everett, Wash., to take effect May 1.

Rev. Edward Day, who has been supplying this winter at Wichita, Kan., has agreed to become the minister of the society there next September. He will return to his Nantucket pastorate for the spring and summer.

Rev. H. A. Saether has resigned the charge of Nazareth Church, Minneapolis, Minn., to take effect May 1.

Rev. H. H. Lloyd of Lagrange, Ky., has been admitted to Unitarian fellowship, and has accepted a call to Chattanooga, Tenn.

Rev. George W. Stone has accepted a call to Santa Cruz, Cal.

Rev. D. R. Child has resigned at Charlestown, N.H.

Rev. Roger S. Forbes has resigned at Dedham, Mass.

piled by the secretary, and will be ready for distribution in about a month.

Plans have now been made for the publication of one new Unitarian tract each month, beginning April 1. The subjects to be treated in these tracts for the ensuing year are such as are suggested by the Post-office Mission, Cheerful Letter, and other departments which come in direct contact with the missionary demand.

Our Work Among Italians. Among the most interesting features of our work is the support of a movement for the bettering of conditions among Italians in and about Boston. The report of Mr. F. P. Malgeri, who was commissioned to carry on this work, makes interesting reading, and shows that much good has been accomplished. He has spent his time visiting the families in the Italian settlements, speaking for good citizenship and for the higher life, and illustrating it most practically by giving to all a helping hand or a cheering word. In some places he has found cases of wrong and injustice, and in not a few

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brotherly to these new-comers. The places where work has been done are Waltham, Watertown, and the Newtons. In the resident ministers, Rev. C. A. Place, Rev. W. F. Greenman, and Rev. J. C. Jaynes, he has found active coworkers. In Waltham and Watertown committees have been formed, with American and Italian members, having in charge a series of lectures, social receptions, and other meetings of social interest and educational value. Its aim will be the general betterment of the conditions of life among the Italians.

The Hungarian Mission. Last month the Association commissioned Mr. Alexander Kiss of the Meadville Theological School to visit the Hungarians in the West, and to ascertain their religious condition and needs. He has just finished a sixteen days' trip, visiting six places and conducting eight services. His report of his meetings and experiences is intensely interesting. There are in this country about eight hundred Hungarians who are Unitarians, or who, previous to their coming here, attended Unitarian churches in Hungary. Some of these, Mr. Kiss finds, have joined in America with the Hungarian Reformed Church, which is Calvinistic in its creed. In some of these churches, however, the number of Unitarians is so large that the service is partially Unitarian in its character. Such an arrangement cannot be very satisfactory, and there is definite need for a distinctly Unitarian organization. He fancies that this might be accomplished, and that great good would result. The condition of the Hungarian in America is such as to tend towards his moral and intellectual decline. Forced to do the and brotherly help. It is surely a duty we owe to our fellow-liberals in Hungary to do what we can in behalf of those of their number who come amongst us.

League of Lay Centers. All the necessary material has now been prepared for the formation of the Lay Centers. The little Service Book is a beautiful volume, bound in leather. It contains an "Order of Service," fifteen short responsive services, and sixty-two hymns. The tunes are not printed, but the names of tunes and the pages where they may be found in two of our regular hymn books is indicated. The responses from the Psalms have been culled with great care, and the brief prayers have been selected from the excellent collections of George Dawson and R. Crompton Jones. Although prepared especially for the use of Lay Centers, this attractive Service Book might profitably be owned by any individual, and it would also serve most admirably the uses of Alliances and Young People's religious services, etc. In addition to the Service Book there has been prepared a small Handbook of instructions for the leader, a Report Book for the weekly reports, the Certificate of Membership, etc. Through the Post-office Mission and other sources it is learned that there are small groups of Unitarians in various places where, under lay leadership, regular services may be conducted. The secretary of the Association will be glad to learn of places where Lay Centers might be formed, and communications to that effect will receive his immediate attention.

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New Church Following the dedication of the new churches at St.

will become the future vestry or parish house of a church which may some time be built on the adjoining corner. A number of other societies are now engaged in their plans for church buildings. The society in Urbana, Ill., has nearly completed the raising of the necessary funds, and expects to break ground early in the spring. The design for the proposed building is a modification of the plan of the exceptionally attractive little church at Kansas City, Mo. The Association, in co-operation with the Universalist State Convention and friends in New London, has just completed the purchase of a lot for the society in New London, Conn., and plans for the proposed church building are about to be drawn. At Iowa City, Ia, a beautiful design has been accepted, and building will begin in the spring. At Jacksonville, Fla., the money for the building is nearly in hand; but some changes may have to be made in the design before the contract for the new building can be let. The society in Allegheny, Pa., is engaged in securing subscriptions for its building fund, with the hope of building in the summer. The society in Ware, Mass., is rejoicing in the gift of a fine organ from one of its public-spirited members. The societies in Saco, Me., and Richmond are completing the purchase of convenient and attractive parsonages

Contributions. The time has come when the friends of the Association must bestir themselves and see to it that the annual contributions from the churches are raised and transmitted to the treasurer before the end of the fiscal year on May 1. It is gratifying to see how many of the churches maintain the high-tide level of their giving reached Newburgh, N.Y., does better than last year, going up from $52.50 to $65. The Second Parish in Athol, which dropped out altogether last year, returns to the list of contributors with its usual gift. The society in New London goes up from $20.07 to $21.75, and the First Parish in Hingham goes up from $462.65 to $462.70. Small losses are recorded in the gifts of the churches in Waltham Mass., Leominster, Mass., Gloucester, Mass., Eastondale, Mass., Saco, Me., and Charleston, S.C.; but the gifts still remain generous ones. With the restoration of business confidence, it is to be hoped that the record of the societies not yet heard from will equal, if not surpass, the record of those which have already sent in their gifts. On February 1 the gifts for current missionary expenses amounted to nearly $49,000. If the word is to be continued at the rate of an annual expenditure of $100,000, this means that $51,000 must flow into the treasury in the three months of the fiscal year. The officers and directors will do their best, but the final responsibility rests with the ministers and people of the churches.

The Paragraph Pulpit. Splendid progress has been made during the last month in the extension of the Paragraph Pulpit. Almost every day a new contract has been made for its publication in some daily or weekly newspaper. A most encouraging feature is the growing interest taken in this method of publicity work by Unitarian churches and ministers. It has strongly appealed to those in the Unitarian fellowship as being a twentieth-century method of declaring a twentieth-century message. Scores of ministers are making, or have made, arrangements with the local press to publish the Para-

the Association bears all or part of the expense. In several instances the papers are publishing the paragraphs free, as the result of the request of the minister or the Woman's Alliance. Mrs. Dooner of Los Angeles, Cal., has been able to secure the publication of the Paragraph Pulpit material in the *Daily News*, a paper of large circulation. The editor of the Madison *Courier* of Madison, Ind., has requested to be supplied with the Paragraph Pulpit copy, and is using most of it. Rev. F. M. Bennett of Lawrence, Kan., is getting it published in near-by papers free of expense. In Santa Barbara Rev. B. A. Goodridge has arranged with the *Morning Press* and the *Evening Independent* to publish the Paragraph Pulpit, the church bearing the cost of the enterprise. As a result of a visit of Mr. Casson to Rochester, N.Y., and Hamilton, Canada, contracts have been made with one Rochester and two Hamilton papers. As the net result of work done, the Paragraph Pulpit is appearing now in over forty papers, the circulation exceeding 400,000.

Billings Lectureship. Dr. Charles F. Dole's lecture trip in the West was of great interest and profit. At Marietta, Ohio, on January 5, he spoke to audiences of one hundred and fifty and two hundred people. On Monday evening he lectured upon "The Liberal Religious Movement," and was given a reception afterwards. He speaks in high terms of the Marietta church and its minister. On Wednesday night Dr. Dole spoke at Cincinnati to a good audience. Three meetings were held in Louisville, Ky. On Friday he lectured before a large audience, the ex-mayor of the Dole made three addresses, two in the church and one before the women of the Athenæum Club. In Ottawa, Kan., he spoke in the Congregational church, and addressed the students of Ottawa University (Baptist). Three lectures and addresses were given at Lawrence, Kan., two in the Unitarian church and one before the high school students. On Sunday large congregations in both the Unitarian churches of St. Louis heard Dr. Dole. Though his Billings commission was to have ended here, he visited and spoke to good audiences at Alton, Ill., and Indianapolis. He reports finding at all points visited a most encouraging spirit of optimism and consecration.

Rev. Charles W. Wendte has returned from a six weeks' preaching and lecturing trip in California, his former home. Under the auspices of the American Unitarian Association he addressed audiences ranging from sixty to six hundred in Los Angeles, San Diego, Pasadena, Redlands, Pomona, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, San José, Palo Alto, and Alameda, speaking twenty-five times within thirty days, and, on his return journey, twice more in the Unitarian Church at New Orleans. He reports that his reception by his old-time parishioners and fellow-workers was most cordial and gratifying, and that our cause on the Pacific coast is in the hands of an earnest and able body of ministers and laity.

Rev. Thomas Van Ness has just returned from a most successful Billings lecture trip through the Rocky Mountain District. A full report of this journey will appear later.

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National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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By this time every Alliance member has read the little leaflet The Present Task and been led to examine the maps showing the opportunities for the extension of our faith and the building of new Unitarian churches. The prospect is alluring and inspiring and must stir every one of us to alert and wideawake endeavor.

But the Alliance has a present task in Unitarian churches already existing for it is somewhat a surprise to find so many churches remaining without a branch of the Alliance. This would be a good year to bring them all in. Let each branch invite to its next meeting the women from some church where there is as yet no Alliance that they may see for themselves the interest which is awakened in church life and the value and importance of joining the national organization and adding its work to what they are already doing in their own church.

If they accept the invitation be sure that they are not expected to sit and listen merely to an address or paper from some speaker or minister, but are allowed to hear the real business of the Alliance. Too often the visits of directors and Alliance officers are rendered almost fruitless by the announcement "as we have a visitor this afternoon we will dispense with the business and proceed with the paper, etc.," when it is the "business" itself which is important for the director to know about and to understand.

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ready response to the circular letter recently issued by the chairman of the committee on Appeals. A substantial reduction in the amounts now required has already been made and many of the appeals will be closed by the end of the year.

Mrs. Peterson of the Southern committee was warmly welcomed and her detailed account of conditions in the southern circuits was listened to with attention. The present preaching stations appear to be prospering with good congregations and several new places are offering opportunities for Sunday schools and church services. Mrs. Peterson will return to North Carolina for March, April and May, *not as a missionary*, but as the representative of the Alliance, to visit these new places and forward the work in the centres already established.

A thoughtful and generous friend has presented a Stereopticon for use at Shelter Neck and neighboring circuit. Now having the lantern, lantern slides are wished for and it is hoped some Alliance member may have a few to spare. Slides illustrating American history and showing American scenery will be especially welcome.

The report from the Florida-Georgia circuit through Mr. Gibson shows much interest at all points. Whether at church or in some home, on the road or in some station waiting for a train, he has found groups of people who have questioned him and listened to his earnest presentation

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ing records of the correspondents and the distribution of literature. For all information the branches should apply to the chairman, Mrs. Frederic T. Lord, 305 Beacon Street, Boston.

The Cheerful Letter Exchange recommended the establishment of *permanent* libraries. Through Women's Clubs, States and Government, travelling libraries have become so numerous that desirable localities can no longer be furnished in sufficient numbers to keep our libraries moving. A demand for permanent libraries is however, constantly growing. It is believed that interest in library work would increase, more good be done, and much expense and loss be saved by responding to this new demand, and making our libraries permanent.

Centres for new libraries, also addresses of competent persons willing to receive old libraries and place them to remain where they will do the most good, will be supplied by the Cheerful Letter Secretary, Mrs. L. B. Porter, at 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

The committee reported with regret the resignation of the chairman of the Home Study Work, Mrs. Ruth Peterson. There are now forty pupils, corresponding with fifty-four teachers, many taking more than one subject. Letters have been received from teachers expressing their pleasure in the work and satisfaction with their pupils, and many pupils have written gratifying letters of their progress. At present fifteen pupils are on the waiting list and desire teachers in Rhetoric, Civil Government, Spelling, Botany, Arithmetic, Physiology, Law, Mechanical Drawest in the Alliance work and a prosperous year. The Study Class discusses religious, political, foreign and miscellaneous current events. All the social affairs of the church are conducted by the Alliance in the beautiful parish house adjoining the church. Sewing meetings for sales and fairs are held at the homes of members twice a month. The Alliance hopes soon to inaugurate some definite charity work.

In Los Angeles, the membership has steadily grown and increased interest is taken in the regular business meetings. Every appeal for fairs and sales has been responded to. The P. O. Mission committee has removed all the advertisements from hundreds of magazines, and bound sermons, leaflets, tracts and church calendars in place of them, distributing them in apartment houses, hotels, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. and the different summer resorts, has obtained permission to place the *Pacific Unitarian* on file at the Free Public Library, sent many sermons by mail and kept the church rack constantly supplied with Unitarian literature. At the suggestion of the Alliance, a vote was taken at the annual meeting of the church to change the name from The Church of the Unity to The First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles. The vote was unanimous for the change for the reason that there are so many different kinds of organizations in Los Angeles that the original name was not sufficiently distinctive and visiting Unitarians found it difficult to locate the church. A Fair held in December added over 600 dollars to the treasury. Socials, picnics and dinners have been arranged by the Alli-

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care while she endures the suffering that is the common lot of mothers. This is the only absolutely free maternity bed in Southern California and as so many strangers of little or no means come here, it is a much needed charity.

Unitarians have subscribed thousands of dollars to charities here, this year, not one of which bears the Unitarian name and in some of which they are not allowed a voice in the management. It would seem that this one, started by the Alliance might be a good channel for Unitarian benevolence and interest. The Current Events section meets bi-monthly, discussing art, education, sociology, foreign and domestic politics. The total amount raised $2100.30.

At Santa Ana the various committees, work, visiting, entertainment, decoration and P. O. Mission are actively at work. Subscription to the minister's salary increased one third for 1908. Janitor's salary paid; church wired for electric lights; assisted the Sunday school; contributed to the Maternity Cottage in Los Angeles; sewed for needy families; held a fair in Nov. which netted $107.80. The Alliance has had a busy, prosperous year and is in a healthy, flourishing condition.

At Redlands meetings are held the second Wednesday in the month at two P.M. "After the usual order of business, our pastor, Rev. Maxwell Savage gives us an exceedingly pleasant afternoon with the poets. A fine reader and well versed in the personal lives of the poets, he gives us an insight into this side of literature that perhaps we should not otherwise gain. During the reading, the ladies sew for needy children. The Alliance furnishes the suppers for the 'Men's Liberal Club.' We expect to give about five

they discover that Unitarians are not as black as they have been painted. An entertainment is planned for the near future, consisting of tableaux of famous pictures and of posters advertising different products, samples of which will be sold. The tickets will be one dollar, the proceeds helping the music fund. The Alliance sustained a great loss, in the death of our dear president, Mrs. Daniel Shepard. In the first shock of her loss, we felt that it was irreparable, but she had planned for the coming year so well that it seems as though she were still with us. Her influence will long be felt. Our church is growing in numbers and influence and the Alliance is a potent factor in the work."

The Pomona Alliance numbers 16 members about half only able to do active work. "Our aim is to help our church, financially, socially and religiously. We have earned $446.39 during the year, of which $345.50 has been paid into the church treasury. We have established a fund for sick and needy members and have added materially to our equipment. We have held three rummage sales, three cooked food sales, two suppers and one lecture. A Bazaar, called the 'Seven ages of women,' the booths displaying articles suitable for the various ages and conditions of feminine minds, from infancy to old age, netted $160.84. We have held several socials and served the annual supper, all free of charge. We feel that we have helped very little along the lines of religious and spiritual growth but we are only a handful of women heavily burdened with domestic cares, shut out from our orthodox sisters by a wall of narrowness and prejudice and isolated from those of our own faith. Who can help us with suggestion or advice?"

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work in assisting the church activities along.

The Women's Alliance at Fresno is no longer in existence. Since the death of Rev. Mr. Haskell they have found it impossible to gather enough people together for a church service.

The Branch at Santa Rosa is greatly discouraged. Once in three months they call a meeting and only three attend.

Unity Circle, Eureka, California writes that they need assistance. "No minister, no church and a handful of brave women keeping the Circle and Sunday school together."

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Second Church, San Francisco intends to reorganize at some future time. On the fifteenth of February all the branches of northern California were asked to meet at the First Church San Francisco to confer together and to listen to Mrs. George D. Everett of Dover, Mass. who would address them.

Hood River, Oregon reports, "The Alliance has felt for some time the need of going a little slower. It has worked for a debt and paid it off, besides assisting towards the minister's salary. Now we are without a pastor, and feel we need to let down brakes a trifle. At our meetings which we keep up, we do a little sewing or once in a while a little extra baking of cakes, for which our reputation is established, so we are going to be ready with a little cash on hand and strength renewed to go to work in earnest when we have a minister again. We find that when we have a debt to work for we are a better Alliance; we come together with more enthusiasm and are more faithful in attendance."

Post-office Mission correspondents makes it desirable that many books be added before the catalogue is printed.

Alliance branches in the neighborhood of head-quarters have already contributed books and money but are there not others who will make it possible to add at once the following books?

A Dictionary of Hymns of All Ages and Nations. Revised edition, 1907.
English Hymns, their Authors and History. Samuel W. Duffield.
Later Poems of Samuel W. Duffield.
Songs from the Hearts of Women. Nicholas Smith.
Twelve Hymns and Their Writers. V. D. Davis.
Poets of America. Edmund Stedman.
St. Paul. Renan.
The Place of Immortality in Religious Belief. J. Estlin Carpenter.
The History of Dogma. Adolf Harnack.
One Hundred Famous Hymns and their Writers. Nicholas Smith.
The Will to Believe.
Psychology.
Pragmatism.
} William James.
The Great Poets as Religious Teachers. J. H. Morison.
The Unending Genesis. H. M. Simmons.
The Next Great Awakening. Josiah Strong.
The Expansion of Christianity. Adolf Harnack.
Pessimism, Science and God. J. Page Hopps.
The Practical Teaching of Jesus of Nasareth. Arthur W. Fox.
Social Institutions. James Bryce.
Essays on the Social Gospel. Adolf Harnack and Wilhelm Herrman.
Life of Emerson. J. Elliot Cabot.
The Influence of Jesus. Phillips Brooks.
The Forgiveness of Sins and the Law of Reconciliation. W. J. Jupp.
History of the Congregational Churches in the United States. Williston Walker.
Jesus of Nasareth. By Etienne Giran. Translated by E. L. H. Thomas.
The Early Church: Its Orders and Institutions. A. Hermann Thomas.
History of the Jewish People. Charles Foster Kent. (Historical series for Bible students.)

Any one who has a copy of any of these books will please notify Miss Florence Everett, 25 Beacon Street. If any Branch

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Street and the only cost for borrowing from it is the payment of the return postage on the books. Committee on New Books, Rev. Edward A. Horton, Mrs. Frederick T. Lord, Miss Florence Everett.

We are asked to state that the reorganized branch at Montague, Mass. is entirely separate from the Arts and Crafts Society, and "membership in one does not exclude from or make inconsistent or unnecessary membership in the other."

Members of the Alliance from a distance who may be visiting Boston have their attention called to the Lectures on Church and Sunday school Administration given for the Tuckerman School at 25 Beacon St. during March. The subjects are of vital interest and the lecturers are acknowledged experts.

The Concord N.H. branch has made its former treasurer Mrs. Annie M. Stratton a Life Member of the National Alliance.

The In Memoriam list has been increased by the addition of the following names from the branch at the First Church, Providence, R.I. Mrs. Anna Eddy Richmond, Miss Caroline Richmond, Miss Julia Bullock, Miss Adeline Brown, Mrs. H. Louisa Tibbetts.

The president of the branch at Meadville, Pa. is now Mrs. R. L. Jacobs. The secretary is Miss Elizabeth Goss. The secretary at Westford, Mass. is Miss Edith M. Foster, R. F. D. The secretary at Peabody Mass. is Miss Caroline A. Beckett, 126 Lowell St. At the Third Congregational Society Cambridge, Mass. the secretary is Mrs. W. A. Bunton, 950 Massachusetts Ave. The residence of Mrs. Collier, director for California is 123 Edgewood Ave. San Francisco.

In The Christian Register for Feb. 13th Dr. Eliot has an article on Church Memorials calling attention to the attractive pamphlet recently issued by the Unitarian Historical Society. Many appropriate memorials are mentioned to keep in remembrance the founders or leaders or local events in the church, such as pulpits, organs, mural tablets and windows of which the pamphlet contains some beautiful illustrations.

But no mention has been made of the Memorial Pew which is a somewhat favorite gift in the First Parish, Dorchester, Mass. Stained glass windows, however symbolic and beautiful are out of place in a New England Meeting House, but the Memorial Pew with a simple and appropriate inscription, perpetuates the name of the family or friend equally well, while it adds to the income of the church and provides sittings for strangers and those unable to hire. To quote from the pamphlet "Such memorials cannot but stimulate loyalty to the church and the cause for which it stands." "They help to continue the influence of good lives."

The regular meeting of the New York League was held at the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn on Jan. 7th with an attendance of 150. The collection of $26 was sent to Butte, Montana. The subject considered in the morning session was Modern Philanthropy with Rev. Helen Van Andersen and Mrs. Lillian W. Betts as speakers.

The appeals now stand as follows:—

	Sum recommended.	*Amount needed.*
Elizabeth, N.J.	$200	$47.50
Flatbush, N.Y.	500	297.50
New London, Conn.	900	580.25
Jacksonville, Florida	900	644.00
Champaign, Illinois	500	83.50

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The 7th regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1907–1908 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Arnold presided and there were present: Misses Floyd, Loring, Taylor, Messrs. Harwood, McMurdie, and Wahlberg.

The minutes of the January meetings were read and approved. One new Life Member was also reported.

The following report of the Treas. was read:

Balance, Feb. 1, 1908.	
Life Membership	$667.98
Reserve Fund	500.00
Cash Acct.	809.71
" in office	7.58
	$1,985.27

Letters were read with reference to the proposed missionary trips. These trips were then taken up one by one and carefully discussed, and the Sec. instructed to send suitable replies.

VOTED: to ask Rev. R. W. Boynton to make as many visits as possible in the neighborhood of Buffalo.

The bills for the month were approved.

The Union-at-Large Com. reported that invitations to join had been sent out to all the addresses received and that the outlook seemed encouraging.

The communication of Rev. John L. Robinson, brought up at the January

South Worcester Federation

The South Worcester Federation held its annual meeting with the Y. P. R. U. of the South Unitarian Memorial Church, Worcester, on Sunday, Jan. 19, 1908.

The meeting opened at 4.30 with an address of welcome by Mr. Edwin L. Clarke of Worcester.

The Nominating Committee reported the following list of officers for the coming year:—

Pres.—Mr. Edwin L. Clarke, Worcester.

Vice Pres.—Miss Anna M. Sears, Millbury.

Sec.-Treas.—Miss May A. Leland, Worcester.

Exec. Com.—Miss Flora Messinger, Hopedale.

Mr. George W. Cromb, Mendon, and the Officers.

An invitation was extended and accepted to meet with the Channing Guild of West Upton for the April meeting.

The number present that gave accounts of the work of their societies were:—Hopedale, 4; Millbury, 9; Northboro, 5; West Upton, 10; Westboro, 3; and South Unitarian, Worcester, 24.

A very interesting paper on "Peace by Arbitration" was read by Mr. Louis Gaskill of Hopedale.

At the evening session Hon. Carroll D. Wright, President of Clark College, was the speaker: and he gave a fine address

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About 100 young people have enrolled themselves in this Union-at-Large, for the purpose of learning more fully the significance of Unitarian "Word and Work." From the many letters sent us by the members we have taken the following extracts, thinking that it may interest others to note, in these words of appreciation and gratitude, just how far this branch of our Union work is fulfilling its mission.

"I wish to say that I have felt well repaid during the past year for joining the Union-at-Large, both as regards the excellent sermons which I have received every month, and the information concerning Unitarian activities which I have obtained through the 'Word and Work.' I am glad to hear that the membership is increasing, as I am sure the organization is meeting a much-felt need."

"I want to thank you for your kindness in letting me know about the Union-at-Large. I have several times, in my college course, wished that I knew better how to 'defend the faith and formulate my beliefs,' and now I welcome this opportunity to better inform myself."

"The October number of the 'Word and Work' is at hand, and I have, as usual, read every word of it, and have put aside the sermon for Sunday reading. The Union-at-Large idea appealed to me at once, and the conditions in which I am living certainly entitle me to membership. I have not yet discovered another Unitarian in this town of 18,000 people. There are no Unitarian services in any of the surrounding towns. It gives me great pleasure to be kept in touch with our various organizations through 'Word and People's Religious Union. I really hunger for a sermon given by one of our ministers. I shall enjoy all correspondence with the Union, and feel that, although there is no Unitarian Church here, I know what is going on in our Church."

"I have enjoyed very much the pamphlets which I have received from the Union-at-Large, and only hope that others may receive as much from them as I have."

"I shall be very happy to join the Union-at-Large, and you can put me down as a member from *Valdez, Alaska.* I don't know whether Uncle Sam's mail will get through to where we are, very regularly, so please do not send me very much, only a little of the best. A little bit of Unitarian straight talk, now and then, will strike me about right, I think, in that country where I doubt if we even observe Sunday."

"The second set of pamphlets came to-day, and I have just been reading the tract whose subject is—The Service of Prayer in the Work of the World. I was very much interested, and would enjoy some more articles on the same subject for I am particularly interested in this part of religion.—My ambition is to be a teacher. I am working every day to train myself for this, especially in character, and I find many helpful things in the reading of the tracts which you have so kindly sent me. I am sincerely devoted to the Unitarian faith."

"Your letter came yesterday and the printed matter to-day. I had been looking eagerly for both. I have already read it all and enjoyed it; yes, and what is yet better, was helped."

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Union Meeting of the Y. P. C. U. and the Y. P. R. U.

The union meeting of these two societies was held as scheduled in the South Congregational Church, Boston, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, when about an equal number of Universalist and Unitarian young people mingled together and enjoyed the social hour from seven to eight o'clock, during which time refreshments of chocolate and crackers were served by the committee in charge, consisting of Miss Mary L. Ballou of the Y. P. C. U., and Mr. Clifford B. Clapp of the Boston Federation.

Later the company adjourned to the church auditorium, when Rev. Edward Cummings, pastor of the South Congregational Church, conducted the devotional service. Then Pres. F. W. Hamilton of Tufts College gave an address on "Religion, the Foundation of Right Conduct," calling attention to the many agencies, some well-known and others rarely considered, that tend to promote the right ways of living.

The meeting closed with singing and a benediction pronounced by Dr. Hamilton.

Much credit is due those having charge of the affair, the general opinion being that our Universalist and Unitarian young people should become better acquainted for mutual helpfulness and service, and that this meeting be the forerunner of many similar occasions.

Union Notes

San Diego, Cal. "After taking our six weeks' vacation last summer we called gave a big supper and invited young people whom we thought might become interested in the club. There were one hundred and fifty people present and it proved a great success. Since September there has been a steady increase in our membership which now numbers between sixty and seventy active members. Our line of study for the next six months is the study of different parts of the Bible. The prospects are much brighter than a year ago."

Montclair, N.J. The Young People continue to hold their socials and have voted to enlarge their work to include occasional meetings and some philanthropic endeavor. A constitution has been adopted and committees on Philanthropy, Lookout, Entertainment, and Sunday Night Meetings, appointed. "It is probable that they will give a drama during the year to assist in raising the money necessary for remodeling the basement into a social room. They provided one of the Christmas entertainments at Warren Goddard House in New York City with violin and piano music and the shadowgraph, Mary Jane."

Charleston, S.C. "We are trying to do our part down here; our work is to carry on a free library. We are very much encouraged at the increase of patrons and the number of book donations we have had in the past year. Our meetings are not as largely attended this year, but we average twenty and the enthusiasm of those who attend makes up for the decrease in numbers. We have stories read after our short religious service and our business meeting."

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Worcester, Mass. (s) Miss Dorothy Kilter, 910 Main St.

Meadville, Pa. (s) Miss Frederika Kilter, 1000 Water St.

Montreal, Can. (c) Miss Ethel B. Trotter, 28 Fort St.

Missionary Contributions

Since the last *Word and Work*, when the sum contributed for Proctor Academy amounted to $41.25, the following has come in, making the total at present, $85.75:

East Boston, Mass.	$2.50
East Bridgewater, Mass.	1.00
Chelmsford, Mass.	5.00
Gloucester, Mass.	5.00
Littleton, Mass.	3.00
Lowell, Mass.	5.00
Quincy, Mass.	2.00
Mrs. Robert G. Shaw	20.00
Winchendon, Mass.	1.00
	$44.50
Previously received	41.25
Total	$85.75

For the special missionary fund $6.25 was reported last month. Since then the total has risen to $22.75, the following having contributed:

East Boston, Mass.	$2.50
East Bridgewater, Mass.	2.00
Chelmsford, Mass.	5.00
Littleton, Mass.	5.00
Winchendon, Mass.	2.00
	$16.50
Previously received	6.25
Total	$22.50

Biennial Bazaar

Working as hard as it could, the Fair Committee reports that after selling the last things, the total sum amounts to $1,970.30, not quite the $2,000 it hoped for, but still "better than the best" ever attained. The best, previous to this, was reached in 1903, when $1,558.50 was cleared at the Festival of Nations in Copley Hall, Boston.

Points and Lines

The National Union is to be represented at the Southern Conference in Atlanta, Ga., May 5, 6, and 7, by one of our former presidents, Rev. Edgar S. Wiers of Montclair, N.J. On the way to and fro Mr. Wiers will address several of our churches and young people's societies, bringing to them the word of cheer and good-will as well as the cordial greetings of the National Body.

Many of our unions report valentine and leap year parties as attractive ways of earning money for the year. The Peabody Union announces a Barn Party to be held in the near future.

The Union-at-Large numbers over ninety members and is still adding daily to its membership.

It has been recommended that the unions hold their annual meetings before the last of April, that lists of the officers be sent to the National Secretary as well as to the Federation secretary in order that as correct lists as possible may be on hand for the annual reports.

One union suggests that the various unions have a special entertainment for the benefit of the National Union that shall help pay the annual dues. A very good idea indeed: and one that we should like to see taken up by all our unions.

The winter meeting of the Boston Federation was held at Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, on Sunday, Feb. 23. The afternoon session began at five o'clock and was largely devoted to business and the discussion of this question, "What can the Boston Federation, as an organization, do for the community?" Supper was provided by the Winkley

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Contributions. The fiscal year of the Association expires on May 1. One month remains in which the contributing churches can send in their gifts for the current year. As usual at this season, the directors have to report that not more than one-third of the churches have yet been heard from. It is known, however, that many of the churches that have not reported have taken their collections, and it remains only for the different church trustees to see to it that the sending in of the money is not delayed so long as to deprive the society of its right of representation at the Annual Meeting. The directors hope that wherever the collection has not been attended to, each and every reader of this paper will interest himself or herself in the matter at once, and see to it that this important element in the year's work of each and every society is promptly and generously attended to. The returns from the churches reporting during the last month indicate the disposition to maintain as far as possible the high mark of last year. The societies small losses, but have not fallen back to the lower levels of previous years. The danger to the cause appears now to be, not that great reductions are to be expected in the gifts of the churches, but that some societies may fail to remember or somehow neglect the matter altogether.

Ministerial Personals. Rev. C. A. Drummond has resigned at Norwell, Mass., to accept a call to Littleton, Mass. Rev. E. H. Brennan has resigned at Ayer, Mass., to accept a call to Danvers, Mass. Rev. S. L. Elberfeld has resigned at Hyde Park, Mass., to take effect July 1. Rev. A. T. Bowser has generously offered his resignation at Atlanta, Ga., in order to facilitate the proposed union of the Unitarian and Universalist Societies there. Rev. Geo. R. Gebauer has resigned at Alton, Ill., to accept a call to Duluth, Minn. Rev. A. J. Cruzan of San José, Cal., is visiting the society at Eureka, Cal., in the effort to sustain its interest and arrange for the settlement of a new minister.

preached at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., Amherst Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass., Unity Church, Springfield, Mass., First Unitarian Society, Ware, Mass., twice at Appleton Chapel, Cambridge, Mass., and conducted morning prayers there for two weeks. The secretary of the Association has preached or spoken at Milford, N.H., Worcester, Salem, Springfield, Quincy, at King's Chapel, Boston, Mass. He is now travelling in the Middle and Western States in the interest of the League of Lay Centres. Rev. William Channing Brown has visited, in the interest of the Association, the churches at Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, N.Y.; Hamilton, London, and Toronto, Can.; Detroit, Mich.; Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio, and he has preached also at Plymouth, Bolton, and Scituate, Mass. Rev. William T. Brown has visited the churches in Idaho, preaching at the dedication of the church in Boisé. This month he goes to Montana, holding a conference at Great Falls.

Billings Lectures. Rev. A. P. Reccord of Springfield, Mass., visits the Pacific coast on a lecturing trip in behalf of the American Unitarian Association during March and April. He will deliver a course of lectures at the Pacific Divinity School at Berkeley, preach the sermon, and deliver an address at the Pacific Coast Conference at Alameda and visit churches at Santa Barbara and San Francisco, Cal., Portland, Ore., Seattle, Wash., and it is hoped that his time will permit of a visit to the new April 5, Rev. Adelbert L. Hudson of Newton; 12, Rev. Abbot Peterson of Lancaster, Mass.

The Paragraph Pulpit. Interest in the Paragraph Pulpit continues to increase. During the past month a score more of churches have taken the initial steps to adopt the plan in their local work. Mr. Casson's goal of half a million by May 1 has been reached six months ahead of time. The larger city churches are swinging into line. Following the example of Philadelphia, movements are being started in other large centres. San Francisco is about to engage in the work, under the enthusiastic leadership of Rev. Bradford Leavitt. At a recent meeting of the Unitarian Club of Providence, R.I., a committee was appointed to see about publication in the Providence *Journal*. In Buffalo a fund is being raised headed by a generous contribution from the Women's Alliance. Rev. W. W. Peck has arranged to have the Paragraph Pulpit in the Winchendon *Courier*. Rev. D. R. Child has undertaken its publication in the weekly papers of Claremont, N.H., and Springfield, Vt. Copy has been sent for free insertion to the Batavia, N.Y., *Times*, in response to a request from the manager. Mr. F. W. Prindle of Wolfeboro, N.H., proprietor of the *Granite State News*, has consented to publish the paragraphs free of charge. In Humboldt, Ia., publication began in the local weekly as a result of the interest of Rev. C. P. Wellman. Rev. O. B. Hawes of Germantown, Pa., has arranged for publication in the Norristown *Herald*.

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Congress of Religious Liberals has just been issued from the press of the Geo. H. Ellis Co., Boston. In a handsome large octavo of 650 pages are gathered these interesting and valuable addresses, setting forth the history and present condition of religious liberalism all over the world, and affirming the principles of the liberal faith in the light of modern scholarship.

The volume is illustrated by some sixty portraits of the eminent speakers at the meetings. It is sold for only $1, to which 23 cents postage should be added in case it is ordered sent by mail. Address Rev. C. W. Wendte, Secretary, 25 Beacon Street.

As an indication of the value placed upon this report by our foreign allies, we are glad to announce that one of the most distinguished university professors of Germany will at once translate into his own tongue a large portion of it with an introduction by himself, and issue it in a series of popular hand books which he is editing.

It will also appear in the Hungarian language.

The Publicity Department. Now that the Paragraph Pulpit has been well established, Rev. C. W. Casson, the publicity secretary, plans to adopt additional methods of work. He is arranging to co-operate with the ministers in getting fuller and more frequent report of Unitarian sermons and addresses in the press, by multigraphing abstracts sent him in advance, and giving them to the press in time for publication. He is also preparing to supply the American

Notes. The Committee on Publication have voted to print as tracts "Miracles in the Light of Modern Knowledge," by Rev. J. T. Sunderland, M.A.; "The Christmas Birth-poem," by Rev. W. C. Gannett; and "One Hundred and Fifty Laymen on Church Attendance," by Rev. Lewis G. Wilson. The last is the interesting and enlightening summary of an investigation conducted by the secretary of the Association, and throws much light upon the problems involved.

The Billings lecture trip of Rev. J. P. Forbes of Brooklyn, N.Y., to the college town churches of the West, was most profitable in every way. He visited Ann Arbor, Mich., Madison, Wis., Iowa City, Ia., Lincoln, Neb., Lawrence, Kan., Columbia, Mo., and Urbana, Ill. At each of these places he came into direct contact with the students, not only having many of them at his services, but meeting them afterwards at receptions and conferences. He reports that all the churches visited are in prosperous condition, and successfully declaring our liberal message to the student seekers. From the ministers of the churches have come letters of warmest appreciation of the inspiration and impulse of his visit.

A book of more than usual interest and significance has just been published. It is a Swedish Hymn and Service Book, compiled by Rev. August Dellgren, pastor of the First Swedish Unitarian Church of Chicago. It is the first of its kind in the Swedish language, and is a token of the advance made by the liberal

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The promised leaflet on Great Hymns of our Faith and their Authors, is now ready for distribution to those branches who desire to use it as a basis for study for the coming year. Few subjects could be chosen of such general interest or so likely to be acceptable to every one. The Study Class committee has taken great pains in preparing this leaflet and has been careful to present the most prominent hymns of each writer selected, necessarily omitting many favorites. The subjects given for discussion may profitably occupy many afternoons. It has been suggested that at Alliance meetings three or four members should each read or write the hymn which she likes best of all known to her, and give the reason for her preference. The choice need not be confined to Unitarian authors. Copies of the leaflet may be obtained from Miss Everett at headquarters.

The Executive Board would call attention to organizations of young women, in some churches as a Junior Alliance. Where this is done some connection should be made with the local Alliance branch, that interest in the Alliance may be aroused and maintained. It is recommended that one-third of the membership fees of the Junior Alliance be paid to the branch, which amount, like all money received from fees, is to be used for religious, missionary, or church purposes after one-third has been sent to the national treasury. The Junior Alliance will be a sort of committee of branch will often be able to suggest lines of work for its Junior Alliance to follow.

It was a great pleasure to read in the English papers that at a meeting of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association on Feb. 21st there was a Conference on "Women's Work in connection with our Churches" under the presidency of Lady Bowring, who was present at the Alliance meeting in Boston in International week. Miss Helen Brooke Herford gave the first address and was followed by Mrs. G. C. Cressey, formerly a director of the Alliance, who presented the methods and aims of the Alliance, and some of the results. An interesting and sympathetic discussion succeeded and the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That this meeting, having considered the question of the work being done by our Unitarian women, and having heard how the American Unitarian women engaged in similar work are organized with great advantage, requests the Executive Committee of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association to take the steps necessary for establishing an organization of our women workers throughout the country, so that their power and influence may be fostered and utilized to the fullest extent."

The meeting of the Executive Board held March 13th was the largest on record with an attendance of twenty nine and a session six hours long.

Mrs. Wyant was welcomed as the new

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Palo Alto, Cal. and Mrs. W. W. Francis, Atlanta, Ga. were elected members of the committee on Appeals, and Mrs. Charles L. Dakin a member of the Finance committee.

A new branch has been formed at Hobart, Indiana, Mrs. Howard Gordon, secretary.

Since the last meeting the corresponding secretary had visited several branches in Massachusetts and left Boston after the meeting for a tour in Vermont. It having been decided at a previous meeting that Mrs. Davis should be sent to the meeting of the Southern Conference to be held in Altanta, it was now voted that the trip should be extended to include as many southern branches as may conveniently be arranged.

The P. O. Mission committee is doing much in the way of co-operating with the Tract committee of the American Unitarian Association which issues a tract every month. Branches may help by reporting any sermons desirable for tracts.

The Cheerful Letter committee report that so much interest has been displayed by Junior Alliances and Sunday school classes that the demand for names has been unusually large. An attempt has been made to reach the wives of farmers in Maine, and through the courtesy of ministers many names have been received. The Home Study work seems to be progressing. This does not compete with the Correspondence Schools advertised in magazines. It is purely Cheerful Letter work, trying to help young people, living far from libraries or schools, to fit themselves for some particular work or to supplement the short school year. The committee is always ready to receive names for this instruction and most grateful to all those who are willing to give a

Cowan and Mr. Gillilan. At the last Sunday service at Shelter Neck about sixty were present. "Miss Ellen H. Crehore of Canton, Mass. is here for a few days visit and the people are delighted to meet her again. Her name is a household word in this neighborhood, for all hold her in loving remembrance since her stay among them six years ago when she first started the school at Dix House." "Saturday evening the people came in for a social hour and were greatly interested in the lantern slides which have been given for use here. Through the kindness of the northern friends much has been done to make the house more comfortable and attractive."

Reports were received from New England. Beginning with Massachusetts, Deerfield is continuing its work with interest, with addresses on the Ten Great Religions, on Alliance Work, and Experiences in Italy. Deerfield has sent five dollars to Montague, and answered various appeals for fancy articles.

The Greenfield branch has eighty-three members. Its meetings, beginning with the entertainment in October of the Connecticut Valley Associate Alliance, addressed by Rev. Gertrude Von Petzold of England, have been well attended and much enjoyed. One meeting was devoted to "Women's Work in the Churches," a member of each church in town reporting its denominational work. Attendance from the five other churches in town was large, and the enthusiasm great. An evening reception was given the choir and church with an address on "Church Music."

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The branch recently formed at Montague is beginning its work full of hope and courage, much stimulated by the

of their work wisely and hopefully, and some systematic study will be undertaken on lines tending to bring inspiration and cheer into busy lives.

The Pittsfield branch holds its own in membership, and has enjoyed its programme. Three meetings were devoted to readings from Emerson, the rest to Liberal Religion in various European Countries. "Our Cheerful Letters grow in interest, and our Unity Workers committee always find some work to do," writes the secretary. The branch has answered appeals for articles generously, and voted $5 to the National treasury to be used as most needed.

The Rowe branch, happy in the beautiful memorial church, have had the usual active winter, socials and suppers, well attended, alternating with the regular Alliance afternoons, when an excellent varied programme has been enjoyed, including an address by Mrs. R. H. Davis, and one on "Unitarianism in Great Britain" by Rev. R. E. Birks of Deerfield. The branch will hold its annual fair next summer, partly for the social pleasure involved.

The branch in Turners Falls, like the church there, is dormant, but not dead. Both await the arrival of better times in the business world, when it is hoped the society can resume worship in its pretty church, now nearly free from debt. Meantime the Alliance branch retains its organization, and plans to give its usual fair in May.

The church and Sunday School in Warwick have experienced a wonderful revival of interest from the work there of Rev. Mr. Prescott and wife, whose departure is sincerely regretted. Though small, this branch is faithful.

beautiful autumnal day, a special car was inadequate to convey all who wished to be in attendance. The meetings commence at 11.30 A.M. with a lunch hour from 1 to 2, which invariably proves a source of sociability and much enjoyment. Quite a number come in from the neighboring towns and the day is one of genuine good to all present. The attendance has averaged 80. "In the death of Mrs. Theo Brown we have sustained a vital loss; her influence will long be felt and her memory cherished." The programmes have been interesting including general League matters, papers on the local Boys' Club on "Reformed Judaism," "Books that we read now, and Books that we used to read," "Domestic Science," "Egyptian religious forms and Temples" and one afternoon devoted to "Civil Service" with addresses from Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Richard Cabot. A collection has been taken at each meeting for the work of the Cheerful Letter committee, and in response to the appeals, $10. has been contributed to Southern Circuit work, $5. to Green Harbor, $5.50 to Meadville, $7.13 to New London, Conn., and $7.12 to Proctor Academy.

The N. E. Associate Alliance has accepted an invitation to meet with the League May 7th.

In Sturbridge the Social Alliance is a united little band of workers who are struggling to make their finances fit their needs. They hold all-day meetings every two weeks, when they serve dinner to the public at noon and in the afternoon have a business and social meeting, with an occasional paper from some member.

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The Alliance at Westboro is composed of a group of women who meet together

tributed $100 to the church fund and $25. to church repairs, and responded to fifteen requests for sales.

At Brookfield it is the ambition to have every woman in the parish a member of the Alliance, and they now number 70 members, although the branch has not yet been organized a year. A very successful fair, was held, and the sum of $173.31 net was realized. Of this amount $150. was paid to the Parish Treasurer, and $5. to Flatbush. In February they had a neighborhood meeting. The Alliance has helped to brighten the lives of the sick in various ways. They hopefully anticipate doing a broader work another year.

The Putnam Benevolent Society branch at Winchendon holds meetings regularly each month and occasional special meetings. In the fall and early winter the members made garments and bedding for the Children's Hospital at Baldwinville. The regular meetings open with repeating Our Faith and the Lord's Prayer. After the business there is a program and a social hour with supper at 6.30. At 8 o'clock dancing begins for those who enjoy it. The hall is closed at 11.30. They have given a few entertainments for raising money during the year and have just had a Valentine Party. Fifteen articles have been contributed to branch sales, and they have responded to all the standing appeals and given $5. to Proctor Academy, $4. to the Hospital Fair at Baldwinville, $10. to the Lookout Committee to apply to a special case of need, and $100. for church expenses. The several committees are doing good work for the P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter.

"In the Amherst Alliance the faithful little band of eleven or twelve have been

Smith gave a paper on the National Alliance and we have had readings from the new volume of addresses given at the recent Congress. We have presented to the Town Library three volumes of the reports of the previous congresses and mean to add the last one soon, as our bit of home Missionary work." A fair, two food sales and a Washington's birthday party which brought $50 to the treasury were much enjoyed. Five dollars have been given to the American Unitarian Association, $5 to Montague, $2 to the Junior Alliance and six requests for fairs have been answered.

The Chicopee Alliance reports an average attendance of 27 during the year. They have listened to "Sketches of Noted Unitarian Women"; to Travels abroad; to a report of the international meetings by the delegate; to Mrs. Beatley on the "Young People of the Church"; and to a paper on Thanksgiving. They have had a musicale, a fair and revival suppers besides the annual Parish supper, have appropriated $200. to the society, $10. to the American Unitarian Association and $10. to the Conn. Valley Alliance, beside other minor gifts and have had first and last much joy and satisfaction in their work.

Florence did not send any report but the director says they are in a flourishing condition and doing much good work. A Ladies Industrial aid cares for the more material side, so the Alliance is free to devote its energies to distinctively Alliance work and they have an energetic Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter Committee.

The Holyoke branch has 36 members and reports a pleasant and successful year with the best attended meetings in their history. The Cheerful Letter Com-

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library. The Ladies Aid Committee has held the usual suppers and sales. Post Office Mission distributes tracts at church door and sends Christian Registers and sermons away. A junior Branch has been formed in the Sunday school which sends papers and cards to an orphan asylum and a reform school. Mite boxes have proved a help to the treasury, two cents a day from each member bringing quite a sum at the end of the year.

The Northampton Branch numbers 44 members. A parish party in the form of an afternoon tea to the college students and members of the parish was given in October. Since then all day meetings have been very popular, with sewing in the morning and basket luncheon followed by the Study Class in the afternoon, the work of which has been based upon Dr. Peabody's book, "Jesus Christ and the Social question." The Christmas sale brought $200. Since then the work has been chiefly for the District Nursing Association.

The Springfield Branch is in a very prosperous condition, the membership having increased from 66 to 132. They have had two social meetings at the homes, a reception to the young people of the parish and a cake and candy sale. In January Rev. George F. Flynn of the Cathedral parish addressed the Alliance and friends at the Art Museum, on the "Infallibility of the Pope and the Veneration of Sacred Images" which was very interesting and closely followed by the 200 women present. Mr. Reccord, Mr. Elder of Worcester and Mrs. Peterson have addressed the branch. In March a "Denominational Quiz" will be followed by the Annual meeting in April. They have contributed $75. towards a District

buted during the year, a set of Shakespeare being sent to Proctor Academy;—four traveling libraries are in circulation. The Post Office Mission has 25 regular correspondents, one of whom a proprietor of a hotel in the Cumberland Mts. asked for Unitarian reading for distribution among the guests of his hotel.

The Ware Branch has met as usual with good attendance and much interest. The pastor has given talks on neighboring denominations, Episcopalians, Methodists, Congregationalists and Universalists, giving a history of their origin and growth. These meetings have been in the form of dime socials and outsiders have been invited. They report some Cheerful Letter work, with a few correspondents and a good many books and magazines sent out. They feel that the work has been very successful this year both financially and socially.

Miss Bancroft reported the seven branches of her group seem to be doing the usual good work, almost without exception, the reports having been sent regularly. The usual discouragements have to be met, but the branches all seem to be in a prosperous condition. They do various kinds of philanthropic work; all have answered appeals, all help in the church expenses, all read Word and Work and special attention was given to Miss Low's letter.

Berlin branch has doubled its contribution to its own church. Clinton branch, as well as some of the other branches, provides flowers for the pulpit. Hopedale branch is most prosperous with its 106 members and is doing splendid work. Leominster branch is a strong, generous society, giving and working at home and

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Methods of work have been about as usual. A corn supper given by the Berlin branch may offer a suggestion to some one and the "Silent Giving," most successfully tried by the Hopedale branch may encourage other branches to try it at least one year and thus avoid the weariness that must follow a fair. All the branches have papers read more or less often by members or others who so generously give their time and ability and constant thanks should be extended to all these.

The active branch in Lowell reports a large P. O. Mission and well attended meetings with much interest apparent. At the twenty-fifth anniversary the Cheerful Letter committee reported the approximate amount of literature sent out during that time as 26,193 papers and periodicals and 1247 books. The branch will probably print a paper by Rev. Mr. Billings entitled "A consideration of John Calvin" for P. O. Mission use.

Littleton branch with 20 members has listened to many valuable papers written mostly by the members themselves. Has given $100 for church repairs, $5 to Proctor Academy, $3 to Southern circuit, $2 to Bath, N.H. gifts to fairs, and $1 to each appeal in Word and Work. Supplies The Register and Unitarian to the reading room in the Library.

Groton branch with 32 members has held fortnightly meetings with monthly Sociables. A fair netting $330.50 "enabled us to assist in paying parish expenses, contribute to the Sewing School and District Nurse Association, Southern Circuit Work, Proctor Academy and other distant objects as well as an unappropriated sum to the National Board." The much for Morgan Memorial and contributed to various branch fairs.

The Pepperell branch has a good Cheerful Letter committee, meets fortnightly with "a money making affair once in four weeks."

The Westford branch is working hard to raise money to enable the church to begin the year April first free from debt. A good Cheerful Letter committee and much charitable work done. Religious news read at each meeting and for study, Lives of Memorable Unitarians.

Ayer has had a successful season with 20 enthusiastic members, a varied literary entertainment, lunch and social hour at each meeting. The Unitarian is supplied to the Public Library, $35 given for church carpet, and gifts to Morgan Memorial and other branches. A special collection at each meeting provides flowers for the sick.

The Chelmsford branch by sociables and sales has given $310 to the parish, $10 to American Unitarian Association, $4 to Morgan Memorial, $1 to southern work and $3 to National Alliance. The secretary has written 17 letters to new branches and distributed literature in the parish.

The Parish Aid Alliance of Beverly holds monthly meetings with a business session, devotional exercises, a speaker and a social hour. P. O. Mission work and a class studying Emerson's Essays. Much philanthropic work is done and a fair netting $300 provided articles for the new parish house, $5 sent to Boisé, $10 to Calhoun school and $5 to Morgan Memorial.

At Haverhill the minister has given at each meeting a talk on an Old Testament story.

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lent papers from members. Has given $20 to Green Harbor and $5 each to Boisé, Butte and Urbana.

The branch at North Andover is making strenuous efforts to raise money to decorate and re-furnish the church.

The Newburyport branch has invited the ladies of Hampton Falls, N.H. to meet with them this year, and several interesting speakers have been heard. Appropriations for P. O. Mission, Cheerful Letter and other committees have been made.

The Salem Branches are having Union meetings at which there is an interesting speaker, also business meetings once a month. Cheerful Letter and P. O. Mission receives due attention, appeals are very generously answered, travelling libraries are sent on their mission, and much philanthropic work is being done.

The Marblehead Branch is energetic. Has cancelled the church debt, and is striving to help toward the running expenses. Great interest is taken in Morgan Memorial. Has answered appeals—and is attending to the general work of the Alliance.

Peabody Branch is doing its share of church and the world's work. Has a good attendance at its business meetings, also has interesting and instructive speakers at other meetings; answers appeals—is interested in Morgan Memorial and is also doing good work for the local Hospital. All departments are receiving due attention.

The Gloucester Branch has small membership—but is doing good work. Business meetings—Study Class at which the new leaflet has been used successfully, P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work

ance, church and city and the young ladies are to be commended for their loyalty and good works. In response to an invitation sent, by the Director, to Salem, Marblehead and Peabody, asking that the Presidents and officers of each Branch meet in Conference with the Gloucester Branch, in February—to listen to reports from the several Branches and to discuss matters of interest to all, Salem and Marblehead responded. Reports were read followed by informal talks. It proved to be a very good plan—each to hear and learn something of one another's work.

Reports from South Middlesex indicate the usual active working condition of the Branches. In study classes there is a greater variety in subjects and speakers than last year, when most of the branches were studying Liberalism in foreign countries, and a certain number of speakers addressed several branches upon the same subject. Requests for articles for fairs have met almost invariably with cordial response. A need felt by most of the branches is some method, at once dignified and practicable, of raising funds.

Arlington holds three meetings for sewing and one literary each month, with 80 members. Fine speakers have presented live topics and the sewing has been for Morgan Chapel and the Children's Mission. Six dollars has been given to Morgan Memorial and $500 towards painting the church. P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work heartily carried on.

Bedford and Belmont report excellent addresses from various ministers and friends. Belmont has given $10 for southern work, $5 for Sudbury, $2 for

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The branch at First Church, Cambridge opened this season with a new plan for speakers, asking for each meeting a woman from some other church to tell of the work being done by women in her special denomination. This branch helped Rev. Wm. Channing Brown in the distribution of the $150,000 circulars. Has given large sums to every appeal recommended by the National board and $260 to place on the In Memoriam list the name of Mrs. Hersey Goodwin so deeply missed by the branch. Has distributed to other branches for P. O. Mission, copies of Dr. Crothers' sermons. Money is raised by subscription and $260 appropriated for P. O. Mission, Cheerful Letter and Literature committees.

Cambridge, Third Congregational branch has enjoyed addresses and reports from delegate visitors from the various charitable organizations for which the branch works. On March first the parish celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the definition of its limits by the legislature of Massachusetts. Generous gifts have been made in answer to appeals and $726.38 given to the church treasury.

Chestnut Hill Chapel has maintained its record of interest in the missionary work of the Alliance, contributing to every appeal. This branch takes a noteworthy part in the Flower Mission and has a good Cheerful Letter committee.

Concord Women's Parish Association this year as before raised funds by subscription in sealed envelopes containing no signatures. It provides from its funds two entertainments, free to Alliance members and a limited number of guests. It maintains its usual activity in P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work. January Rev. F. L. Helms spoke on Morgan Memo- $154 was soon raised, so $254 was sent.

Framingham branch studying Liberal Religion in Foreign countries, distributing magazines at the railroad station and caring for sixty Cheerful Letter correspondents. About 300 sermons a month taken from the rack at the railroad junction. An Author's Carnival netted $635 with which to re-decorate the church. The sewing society has joined the Alliance for a year, provisionally, with alternate meetings.

Lexington has enjoyed for the second year the pastor's lectures on the Life of Jesus, and has discussed "How to interest the Young People." Generous gifts in response to appeals and $50 to the American Unitarian Association towards paying expenses of foreign delegates to the International Congress. At East Lexington the Follen Alliance and the Junior Alliance are working earnestly for the upbuilding of the church.

The Malden branch during the temporary suspension of church services is sewing for the Day Nursery and has had a lecture from Mr. Van Ness.

Medford has active P. O. Mission, Cheerful Letter and Benevolent committees, with addresses and readings at each meeting. An Easter Sale netted $432, the larger part being given to the church and Sunday school.

Melrose also has given its funds to the church, and $25 to Morgan Memorial. Studying Liberalism in Europe. The Natick branch studies Unitarianism. Has given its money to the church and to a fund for a piano.

Channing branch, Newton has had an attractive list of speakers, done much benevolent work and given to most of

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Greek and Latin hymns, and coming to the present time, and our own American writers. Papers were written by the members and the music illustrating each paper rendered by a choir of young ladies from the church. The mornings have been profitable and enjoyable. Large appropriations have been made.

Somerville has been studying Greek Thought. A fair netted about $300, a part of which it was voted to use in paying the salary of a divinity student as superintendent of the Sunday-school, hoping to stimulate the interest, through supervision, by a man trained in that line of thought. One hundred dollars was given to the church. A play was given for charitable purposes, Uncle Silas's Husking Bee, and the branch has done much relief work as well as giving in response to regular appeals. West Somerville branch like several others has been addressed by Miss L. Freeman Clarke on "New Light on the story of the Life of Jesus." Their desire for a church building of their own is increased by a rise in the rent of their present quarters.

Members of the Sudbury Branch are deeply grateful for the assistance rendered them by members of the N. E. Associate Alliance in contributions and generous patronage of their fair in October, thereby enabling them to hold church services through the winter.

A successful fair enabled the Waltham branch to give $500 to the church. Five names have been placed on the In Memoriam list and most generous appropriations made to appeals. Hymnology has been the subject of study. Post Office branch confines itself quite closely to missionary work and has given to several of the appeals. Wayland holds monthly meetings with papers and addresses and does much for the Cheerful Letter work.

A very satisfactory report was presented by the director of the following thirteen branches:—First Parish, Third Religious Society, Christ Church, Norfolk Unitarian Church, Channing Church, and Church of the Unity, all of Dorchester, Mass.; First Religious Society and All Souls' Church, Roxbury; First Congregational Society Jamaica Plain, First Parish West Roxbury, Unitarian Church of Roslindale, First Parish Brighton, and Hawes Unitarian Church, South Boston. In visiting these branches the director has been "interested in listening to business so well transacted and in the excellent papers and informal talks given by outside friends and frequently by members." Many of these branches undertake a large portion of the financial work of the church, repairing the buildings, paying the minister, contributing to other running expenses and answering the calls for charity, such as hospitals, camps, Morgan Memorial, Children's Mission, colored schools, nurseries and many others. Only two have not contributed to their own church expenses, and pledges by the others have ranged from $175 to $1000. Membership varies from fifteen to one hundred and fifty-five. In some branches money is raised by the pledge system, which the director commends, while others resort to fairs, food sales, auctions, suppers and socials. One branch has been able

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the branches. The director reminded the branches which regretted being unable to answer more appeals, of the sentiments of Miss May in the early days,—That the raising of money was not the first and all important work, but the becoming familiar with and extending the Unitarian faith at home as well as at a distance was never to be lost sight of.

Twelve branches in Suffolk Co. remain to be mentioned. Arlington Street, Church of the Disciples, South Congregational Church, King's Chapel, First Church, Second Church, New South Church, Bulfinch Place Church, and Unity Circle in Boston, and Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. The reports of these branches aggregating a thousand members is most inspiring. Following the same general plan with regular meetings, speakers and papers, each branch has individual methods of study, of distribution of literature and raising of money. Each one is loyally carrying out the principles of the Alliance and following the wishes of the national organization. It is matter of regret that space for only a few words can be given to each.

At Arlington St. where there are many committees much charitable and philanthropic work is done and a large P. O. Mission cared for. A gentleman in Ohio has printed two of Mr. Frothingham's sermons for distribution in his factory and kindly presented the church with 1000 copies.

Church of the Disciples branch has a fine programme with a paper on the subjects in order. A discussion of great interest always follows, the audience averaging a hundred. Here Miss Clarke conducts the P. O. Mission and among other items re-

care of the charities. Every Alliance activity is provided for. King's Chapel branch reports work along the same lines. At the First Church the branch is studying New England Church History and has formed a special committee on Appeals since reading Mrs. Keyes' letter. The Second Church branch has morning meetings with luncheon. Has an excellent P. O. Mission and is much interested in establishing a Lay Centre in Traverse, Michigan.

New South branch without a church meets twice each month in the evening at a private house and accomplishes much. Among other gifts it has sent a foot of pennies to Randolph.

At Chelsea the branch is active, meeting every two weeks. The Revere branch is much encouraged with a new minister to whom they gave a reception. Are now sewing for a fair. The Winthrop branch reports "a happy, prosperous six months," with all day sessions every two weeks. Fees have been raised and the members are working hard for the church. This live branch has made arrangments with the local paper for the Paragraph Pulpit.

Four directors have the care of 43 other branches in Massachusetts, every one deserving a column in Word and Work. Interest in the Alliance shows no abatement. All are working to help the home church fill a worthy place in the community, and to further Unitarianism abroad. Study classes, P. O. Missions and Cheerful Letter committees are usual, and generous response is made to all appeals. A few items follow.

Barnstable has a new church to replace the one destroyed by fire and the branch has presented a bronze tablet in memory

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add largely to the amounts needed for appeals. Canton has five Travelling Libraries. At Braintree the branch has a "Paragraph" in the local paper. Wollaston reports "The spirit of our Alliance is delightful and inspiring, and the co-operation of its members makes it easy for all." Westwood, Wellesley Hills and Walpole doing well. Sherborn enjoys all day summer meetings and has started a parsonage fund. Milton has an enlarged and renovated Parish house and good P. O. Mission. A letter from a correspondent in a little town near Farnum, Ohio stated that the building of the Unitarian church in that town was due to the influence of the sermons sent by the secretary. Dedham branch has printed one of its minister's sermons. Taunton branch has a Paragraph Pulpit. New Bedford branch raised money by a personal letter to each member of the parish, stating that all over $500 would be given to the North End Unity Home. The returns were prompt and generous; $500 was given to the branch and $200 to the Home. All branches not mentioned are reported as untiring in their efforts.

The last meeting of the New York League discussed Jane Addams' book, Newer Ideals of Peace. The collection taken will be used for the Book room at headquarters. The annual election of officers was held.

The New England Associate Alliance will hold a conference in Unity Church, Hartford, Connecticut, Thursday, April 9. The morning session, at 11.15 o'clock, will be devoted to a discussion of our work with reports from the various branches represented. At the afternoon session Alliance officers and others will speak of "Our Present Opportunity." Delegates are requested to notify Mrs. C. S. Atherton, 82 Ruthven Street, Roxbury, Mass., by April 4th. Will those who wish reduced railroad rates (confined to persons going on the 8.01 A.M. train from Boston, April 9, and returning on the 5.03 P.M. train from Hartford the same day (the round trip), notify Mrs. Atherton and come prepared to buy their tickets *on the train!* The New York League will join in this meeting. Let everybody come!

The Second Church, San Francisco, which suffered very much from the earthquake and fire, is making great efforts to re-establish itself. The Alliance Branch will hold a Bazaar on April 10th and contributions from other branches will be most welcome. Please send to Mrs. F. C. Russell, 43 Twenty-ninth St. San Francisco.

The secretary of the branch in New London, Conn. is Miss Harriet A. E. Prince, 708 Main St. The secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society branch Alton, Ill. is Mrs. G. A. McMillen. The secretary at Richmond, Va. is Mrs. J. L. Robinson, 2308 Floyd Ave. At Sturbridge, Mass. Mrs. Charles Adams, Sturbridge.

The names of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Peck, and Mrs. Maria Wellington Bridge have been added to the In Memoriam list.

The appeals now stand as follows:—

	Sum recommended.	*Amount needed.*
Flatbush, N.Y.	$500	$222.50
New London, Conn. . . .	900	425.00
Jacksonville, Florida	900	541.25
Pacific School for the Ministry . .	250	72.00

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Miss GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary* Mr. O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The 8th regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1907–1908 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Tuesday, Mar. 3, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Arnold presided and there were present: Misses Floyd, Loring, Taylor, Messrs. Harwood, McMurdie, Melcher, and Wahlberg.

The Sec. read the report of the last meeting that was approved; and also reported 2 new Life Members as well as contributions coming in slowly for the National Union, Proctor Academy, and the missionary fund.

The Treas. read the following report that was approved:

Balance March 2, 1908:—	
Life Membership,	$687.98
Reserve Fund,	500.00
Cash Acct.,	950.22
Cash in Office,	5.08
	$2,143.28

The bills for the month were approved.

The Sec. read letters from these ministers—Mr. Bowser, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Foote, Mr. Hussey, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. St. John—with reference to the missionary trips, and was instructed as to the replies.

The Pres. reported for Mr. Perkins that the little pamphlet for the use of unions is to be ready at an early date.

The subject of the Annual Meeting was brought up and discussed; it was

VOTED: that the Y. P. R. U. ask the use of the Second Church, Boston, with the necessary rooms, for its Annual Meeting Thurs. May 28

Mr. McMurdie, in reporting briefly for the Com. on Incorporating, said that it seemed best to defer action. It was then

VOTED: that notice of this incorporation be inserted in the call for the Annual Meeting.

VOTED: that plans for the Annual Meeting be left in the hands of the Board.

VOTED: to adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR,
Secretary.

The Boston Federation

The mid-year meeting was held Feb. 23, at Bulfinch Place Church, under the auspices of the Winkley Guild.

At the business meeting in the afternoon reports of committees were rendered, and a committee was appointed to confer with the A. U. A. with the intention of interesting more of the young people in the teas at 25 Beacon St.

A committee for friendly work was also appointed.

The evening meeting was addressed by Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, D.D. of Roslindale, who asked the young people, "What the Union stood for after all?" During the course of his remarks, which were very interesting, he made a strong and earnest plea for a more general participation of the young people in the activities of the church.

There were 140 delegates at the meeting.

O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE,
Secretary.

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Lists of Officers

It has been recommended and a notice

time of the Annual Meeting in May, the list of secretaries may be as correct as possible.

Considerable inconvenience and annoyance are constantly being experienced because the name of the secretary of a union is not correct on the printed list, and it may be the only one that the National Secretary has known for several months. This difficulty would be mostly obviated if every president, through his secretary, would see that a list is forwarded to National headquarters as soon as the annual election or any change takes place.

Will those unions, not having already done so this year, send a list of the officers and their addresses to the National Secretary?

Missionary Contributions

The following have contributed $29.00 for Proctor Academy this month, making a total of $114.75:

Brockton,	$5.00
Gardner,	3.00
Harvard,	5.00
Leominster,	10.00
Peabody,	2.50
Westford,	1.00
Iowa City, Ia.,	2.50
	$29.00
Previously rec'd,	85.75
Total,	$114.75

It is customary for the National Y. P. R. U. to send a representative to some section of the country every year on a missionary trip. This year it has been recommended that $150 of the money to be raised for missionary purposes go towards defraying the expenses of such a trip.

Rev. Edgar S. Wiers of Montclair, N.J., a former president of the National

Another trip is in contemplation through the Middle West in the early part of April.

All of these trips necessitate considerable expense; so it is hoped that the unions will respond generously and promptly to this call for contributions for the missionary trips.

This special missionary fund, that last month was $22.75, has, with the addition of $18.50 contributed during the past few weeks, now reached a total of $41.25. The following have been the donations:

Mr. Robert P. Clapp, Lexington,	$2.50
Leominster,	10.00
Peabody,	2.50
Westford,	1.00
Iowa City, Ia.,	2.50
	$18.50
Previously rec'd	22.75
Total,	$41.25

Speaking Committee

The following speakers have filled these dates during the past two months:

Feb. 2, Mr. Atherton, at Wollaston.
" 5, " Arnold, at Newton.
" 16, " Atherton, at the Lawrance Union, Dorchester.
" 24, " Atherton, at East Boston.
Mar. 1, " Arnold, at Neponset.
" 8, " " at Bedford.
" 8, Rev. E. J. Prescott, at East Bridgewater.
" 15, Mr. Palfrey Perkins, at Peabody.
" 22, " Arnold, at North Easton.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee wishes to remind the different unions that the time for electing officers is approaching and to request that each union suggest names for nominations.

The officers to be elected are a President, six Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and thirteen Directors.

Names should be sent to Rev. Robert F. Leavens, 32 Rockview St., Jamaica Plain,

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Union Notes

Billerica, Mass. "We are holding some very interesting meetings. I enclose a program as you may be interested to look it over."

West Bridgewater, Mass. "The work of the Union goes on with interesting meetings being held each month as usual. At the beginning of the year we were favored with a New Year's address by the Rev. Dudley Ferrell of Brockton, the address being full of practical suggestions for old and young. On Feb. 16, Mr. A. L. Boyden, principal of the Bridgewater Normal School, gave a very interesting address, his subject 'The New Spirit' being enjoyed by all. The church was well filled with members of the Union and friends.

The vestry has been newly painted, giving it a very cheerful appearance; this at a cost of seventy nine dollars, all of which has been earned through the efforts of the young people. On Sunday evening, Feb. 23, this was dedicated, beginning with a praise service, and followed by responsive reading and prayer, after which Rev. Richard A. Griffin of Bedford preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, bringing us many beautiful thoughts. The service throughout was very pleasing, expressing the feeling of the members of the parish, and especially of the young people who have labored so faithfully to accomplish the work.

Our work is not finished as there is yet much to do. May we still work with the same spirit of helpfulness as in the past, not forgetting that the more of helpfulness we can give, the more joy we im-

a bright, cheerful disposition, always present at the meetings, and will be missed by the younger members of the Union. The family has the sympathy of all in this affliction."

Peabody, Mass. The Barn Party, recently held by the Peabody Y. P. R. U., proved highly successful, both socially and financially. The whole affair was capitally carried out: one corner of the hall was arranged as a hay-mow with stall, hoes, rakes, ladder, and other paraphernalia of a barn, while evergreen trees and long ears of yellow corn made the scene quite realistic. A typical country vaudeville preceded the dancing, the orders for which were large shipping tags. Every one entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion, many suggestive and amusing costumes being seen: as a rule the young women wore sun bonnets, high-necked aprons, and gingham or calico gowns, while the young men were attired in overalls, jumpers, and big straw hats. Refreshments of apples, lemonade, and doughnuts were offered for sale.

Cleveland, Ohio. "Our society is progressing and growing very rapidly. We hold interesting religious meetings every Sunday afternoon: and we have several social evenings throughout the year."

Charleston, S.C. "In the past month the church societies have given a number of entertainments. We have a great deal of talent among the young people, such as 'cello, piano, and violin performers. The young people also get up nice plays and act their parts well. The Helping Hands gave 'Miss Fearless & Co', a three-act comedy: it was very laughable, as well as enjoyable, and acted well by the young people from the Guild.

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Jubilate Deo

Owing to the increased cost of publishers' work and material, the price of Jubilate Deo has been necessarily advanced; those with services are now sold for 50c. per copy, while those without the services are 40c. each, with 10c. additional on every copy sent by mail.

Secretary Changes

These changes in secretaries are to be noted:

Cambridge, Mass. (s) Miss Josephine B. Bates, 20 Wendell St.

Westford, Mass. (s) Miss Flora A. Hewitt, 120 South St.

Life Membership

We must not lose sight of the fact that we have a Life Membership list to which we should add names as rapidly as we can. There are now sixty seven Life Members and we should like to see the list reach one hundred in the next six weeks. Cannot each union try to secure at least one during that time? A Life Membership costs but $10 and there ought to be numbers of our friends who would be not only willing but glad to help the young people's cause in this way.

Lending Papers

There are on hand a few papers on various subjects that it has been customary to lend on request, to individuals or unions for meetings or for reference. It may be that a speaker is unable to appear or a member wishes help on his subject: then we seek aid of these "lending papers" and it would be well to have a new supply in readiness.

before a local union during the past year or two may be sent and will prove very welcome.

Points and Lines

The Look-Up League of East Bridgewater recently held a joint meeting with the Swedenborgian people in the Unitarian Church: a similar meeting of these two was also held last fall in the Swedenborg Church.

As many of the unions will have finished the season's meetings before the next issue of *Word and Work*, it seems well to remind all now that the appointment of delegates to the Annual Meeting on May 28 should be attended to before too late. Each society is entitled to three delegates, for whom credentials will he sent in due time. Should the young people themselves not find it convenient to be present, any older member of the parish may be appointed an accredited delegate; as we should like to have every union represented by delegates who would return home with a full account of the meeting. Proxies will also be furnished on application to the National Secretary.

The Union-at-Large Committee reports a membership of about 100, and expresses itself much pleased with this interest and showing. Anyone knowing young people away from home would confer a favor by sending the names and addresses to Miss Elizabeth Loring, 120 Marlboro St., Boston, Mass.

Boston Federation Entertainment

The annual entertainment of the Boston Federation was held in Whiton Hall, Dorchester, on Saturday evening, March 28. Each union in the Federation con-

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. A. W. Littlefield has resigned at Fitchburg, Mass., to accept a call to the Second Unitarian Society of Brookline. Rev. W. L. Meaker has resigned at Dover, Mass., and accepted a call to West Somerville, Mass. Rev. Eugene R. Shippen has returned from England and has taken charge for the present of the society in Lancaster, Pa. Rev. William M. Brundage has gone abroad upon a six months' leave of absence with the hopes of restoration to good health. His work is carried forward by the efficient committee and assistant of Unity Church and by neighboring friends. Rev. H. L. Buzzell, now of the Universalist church of Hyannis, Mass., has received a call to the Unitarian church in Windsor, Vt.

Anniversary Meetings. The arrangement of the programme of the Anniversary meetings on May 25–29 is almost completed. From all indications thus far the meetings this year will be of more than usual interest and importance. The number of excellent speakers, combined with the discussion of problems and policies, for which special time is to be given this year, ought to

prayer will be conducted in King's Chapel by Rev. Theodore D. Bacon of Salem, Mass., Rev. Francis Tiffany, Rev. J. Goodwin Smith of Ottawa, Canada, Rev. J. C. Duncan of Clinton, Mass., and the communion service by Rev. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier, Vt., and Rev. Howard N. Brown. The public meeting of the Alliance of Unitarian and other Liberal Christian Women will be addressed by Rev. S. M. Crothers, D.D., of Cambridge and Rev. John H. Applebee of Attleboro, Mass. The reception will be held as usual at Hotel Somerset on Monday evening, those receiving being President and Mrs. Samuel A. Eliot, Dean and Mrs. William W. Fenn, and Mayor and Mrs. George A. Hibbard. Rev. Frederic Gill of Arlington, Mass., will be the speaker at the Berry Street Conference, and Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin of Minneapolis, Minn., will preach the anniversary sermon. At the annual meeting of the Unitarian Temperance Society will be heard Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, Dr. T. D. Crothers of Hartford, and Miss Cora Frances Stoddard of Boston. Rev. Francis G. Peabody, D.D., will address the meeting of the Children's Mission to the Children of the Destitute.

of the speakers. Let us all contribute our share of enthusiasm and interest, that these meetings may have more than usual inspiration and impulse for all us.

Pulpit Supply. Rev. Alfred Manchester, secretary of the Committee on Supply of Pulpits, makes an interesting report for the year ending March 16, 1908. 995 letters were received and 1,124 were written; 826 persons were consulted with; 104 candidates were dealt with, of which number 36 were settled, 25 in New England and 11 elsewhere; and 39 churches in all were given assistance in the work of choosing ministers. At the close of the year there were 12 churches and 42 candidates on the list.

Icelandic Work. No part of the Unitarian movement has greater promise than that among the Canadian Icelanders in Manitoba. Not only have the churches already established at Winnipeg and Gimli maintained a steady growth, but organization has been effected at other points as well. As a result, largely of the activity of Rev. Rögnvaldur Petursson of Winnipeg, a new church has recently been formed having the name "The Unitarian Congregation of Lake Manitoba, Icelandic." After meeting for some time in a hall, it was finally decided to organize. The school house of Mary Hill was advertised for sale by the Department of Education, and it was bought for the small sum of $175, Mr. Peturrson making the first payment of $25. The school house was moved to an excellent site near the station, and fitted up with the necessary furniture. As a result there is now in Mary Hill a well-equipped little church, failure impossible. In Gimli, under the leadership of Rev. J. T. Solmundsson, the Unitarian church continues to exert a wide and beneficial influence on the community. The Icelandic monthly magazine continues to be published, and while it is not a financially profitable concern, it is amply worth its cost as a factor of progress.

Conferences. The Southern Conference meets at Atlanta, May 5 to 7. The Western Conference meets at Chicago, May 18 to 21. The Annual Meetings of the national societies will be held in Boston, May 25 to 29. The local Conferences in New England hold their spring meetings as follows: South Middlesex at West Newton, May 6; Worcester at Brookfield, May 12; Plymouth and Bay at Brockton, May 13; New Hampshire, June 2 and 3; Connecticut Valley at Hartford, June 2 and 3; Essex, June 10; North Middlesex at Littleton, June 10; Norfolk at Canton, June 10; Cape Cod, June 24; Maine and Channing meet respectively at Belfast and Vineyard Haven about the middle of June.

Field Notes.

The church in Bangor, Me., has recently celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of the organization of the society, and at the same time rededicated the church, with its new organ in place, all improvements completed, all debts paid, and a balance in the treasury.

On April 9 Elbert Hubbard gave a lecture in Chickering Hall, Boston, on "Theodore Parker," the receipts going to the fund for the preservation of the old West Roxbury Meeting-house.

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a young people's society, and guided by the vigorous and inspiring leadership of Rev. A. Kennedy, a new impetus has been given to the progress of the church.

Rev. F. R. Griffin of Braintree, Mass., with fine missionary zeal, is arranging to reach and organize the Unitarians in adjacent towns, commencing the work by means of the Paragraph Pulpit.

Barnard Memorial, of Boston, has just celebrated its centenary anniversary with appropriate exercises. Rev. Charles F. Barnard was born on April 17, 1808. At the anniversary on Easter Sunday his son, Mr. Charles Barnard, and Mr. Thomas Hills, the oldest member of the church, delivered interesting addresses.

Rev. Bradford Leavitt, of the First Church, San Francisco, Cal., has just established the Paragraph Pulpit in the San Francisco *Call*, one of the most influential and widely circulating dailies of the Pacific Coast. This contract means an additional circulation of the Unitarian message of 60,000 daily.

Rev. Charles P. Wellman of Humboldt, Ia., is doing excellent missionary work through the medium of the Paragraph Pulpit. After establishing it in the local press, he made arrangements for its publication in the Gilman City *Globe* and in the Iowa State School paper. This is the spirit of enthusiasm that commands success.

In the great Chelsea fire of April 12 our Unitarian church was one of the thirteen that were destroyed, being burned to the ground. Even sadder and more unfortunate was the loss suffered by its members. Of twenty-two members of the Women's Alliance, nineteen were burned out, and some of them were rendered destitute as a result. It is pleasant to record the noble and generous way in which our from all quarters, and provision was made for the wants of our unfortunate comrades.

International Council.

The sales of the book of the Boston International Congress have been very satisfactory, a new edition being now in the bindery. But at the price at which it is offered the public (one dollar and postage), the publication implies a serious loss to the Council unless this second thousand can all be disposed of. Both because of its intrinsic value and for the sake of the Council and the cause it represents, we urge our ministers and laity to send in their orders for the book. The notices in the press at home and abroad are unusually favorable, and many private letters express their kind, and often enthusiastic, appreciation of the writers for the general appearance of the volume. The last six orders received are from Oklahoma City, La Junta, Col., New York City, Coethen, Germany, Florence, Italy, and Belfast, Ireland. A well-known Congregational minister has interleaved it with autograph letters and other illustrative material, and is having it bound anew by a New York artist for his library.

The Southern Conference, which meets at Atlanta in May, will devote a part of its session to the International Council and its work.

Mrs. Humphry Ward, the distinguished liberal and author, now in this country, has graciously accepted an invitation from our International Council committee to meet the Unitarian and Universalist ministers of Greater Boston and their wives at a reception held on April 28 at the Unitarian Building. The committee regrets that both the limitations of the room, and the absolute necessity of shielding Mrs. Ward from undue physical exer-

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The most important matter this month for the branches to consider is the report to the corresponding secretary. This is entirely distinct from the report sent to directors for the information of the executive board. This month every secretary will receive a blank to be filled out and returned to Mrs. Davis, who will use the information in preparing the Manual. This Manual is not only a Directory but a source of information to the branches and it is to be regretted that the return of the blanks is so often delayed, and the statistics not fully given. The omission of one branch in a given section may retard the printing and necessitate the writing of several letters. Let every branch attend to this promptly.

Another subject of interest should be the choosing of delegates for the May meetings in Boston. The usual public meeting will be held on Monday, May 25th at 2.30 P.M. at the South Congregational Church, corner of Exeter and Newbury streets. A greeting from Dr. Hale may be expected and addresses by Rev. J. H. Applebee, Dr. S. M. Crothers and others. Every one is cordially invited.

The Annual Meeting for the transaction of business will take place on Tuesday, May 26th at 10 A.M. also at the South Congregational Church. There will be no election this year, but it is desirable that routine business was accomplished and discussion was free and animated.

The corresponding secretary gave an account of her recent visit to branches in Vermont, and it is to be wished that some better and more descriptive word than "interesting" could be used to characterize her report. Mrs. Davis will attend the Southern Conference at Atlanta, on May 5, 6 and 7, and will be in Jacksonville May 8 and 9. From there she will visit other southern branches as arrangements can be made.

New branches have been formed at Summit, N.J. secretary Mrs. John T. Alden, 30 Woodland Ave.; South Brooklyn, N.Y. secretary Mrs. M. A. Bennet 324 55th St.; and Green Bay, Wis. secretary Mrs. Julia C. Smith, 1540 Main St. Will other branches please send greetings.

Mrs. Fiske, member of the National P. O. Mission committee for the Middle States and Canada gave a descriptive summary of the work accomplished during the past five years, since the Mission was organized in this section.

The Cheerful Letter Exchange wishes special attention called to the paper The Cheerful Letter, published monthly for fifty cents a year and hopes for subscriptions for the paper to be sent directly to Shut-ins. Make checks payable to Lily Blunt Porter 25 Beacon St. Boston.

From Mrs. Peterson of the committee

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Cowan preaches at several new centres, Piney Woods, Cypress Creek, Willard and Old Pink Hill, sometimes in a school house, a private house or in a grove. After this month a Brush Shelter will be used in some of these places. Mr. Gillilan has added to his circuit New Pink Hill, a settlement at the terminus of a lumber railroad leading from Kinston, N.C., southeast twenty miles. There is no church whatever and services are held in a new store with audiences of eighty to one hundred.

The teachers in the Emmerton School have helped to organize a Betterment Society in Swansboro, which has already begun to *do* things. At Shelter Neck the school was to close on April 3d and the teachers return to Massachusetts, after four and a half months of successful work. Many beautiful and useful gifts have been sent to Dix House to make it comfortable and attractive, barrels well filled from Washington, Spring Garden and Germantown, Philadelphia, a packing case and Davenport desk from Jamaica Plain, these containing rugs, pillows, sheets, bedspreads etc. Slides for the Stereopticon to the number of 175 will continue to afford pleasure and education to the whole neighborhood. The Shelter Neck branch held the first sale ever known in that region on April 3d and was very successful, bringing in about $35 with which to pay insurance and make some small repairs on the church property.

The executive board voted to secure the services of Mr. Gibson, Mr. Cowan and Mr. Gillilan for another year and to ask Mrs. Peterson to return to Shelter Neck next fall to continue the work there. It was recommended that effort be made to have preaching once a month during

brary is nearing completion but is still waiting for books on the list printed in March.

The vacation of the clerks at headquarters will include the month of July, Miss Everett taking the first two and Mrs. Porter the last two weeks, headquarters being kept open.

A request coming from Denver urged that some officer of the National board be sent to the Rocky Mt. Conference to be held at Fort Collins in May; it was voted to send Miss Low if arrangements could be made.

Various appeals which had been made to branches were considered, among them one for Mr. Douthit's work at Lithia Springs. With much consideration for the good work attempted at Lithia Springs it was the sense of the meeting that the appeal should not be endorsed by the Alliance board. In view of this and other miscellaneous appeals the following motion was unanimously carried:—That the Executive Board of the National Alliance deprecates the fact that general appeals for financial aid are sent directly to the branches without being first presented to the Committee on Appeals of the National Alliance; also that the Board advises the branches to consult their directors in reference to all such appeals.

The resignation of Mrs. Seabury as vice-president for the Pacific Coast was accepted with much regret. Mrs. Seabury in the short time of her service had visited many of the branches on the coast and taken a real interest in the work and her place will not easily be filled.

The treasurer announced that Miss Georgia H. Emery of Newton, Mass. had become a Life Member of the Alliance, the

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Caroline Richmond, Miss Julia Bullock, Miss Adeline Brown, Mrs. H. Louisa Tibbetts.

At this meeting members of all nearby branches and of the New York League were invited and the attendance was large. At the close all were welcomed to Afternoon Tea at the pleasant rooms of the Messiah Branch, separating at a late hour.

Reports from western branches were presented by Mrs. Delano.

The work in the Ohio Branches has progressed with the usual energy and zeal. In the First Church of Cincinnati, much sickness has been a serious handicap, but there have been many interesting and helpful meetings. Some of the Cincinnati women are active in Civic Work for the clearing and beautifying of the city, especially in the encouragement of Home and School Gardens, and this general topic was made the theme of one afternoon's discussion. The weekly sewing has been done for the Fresh Air Farm. The usual Fair, Parish Supper, and children's Holiday Party were happy occasions. An address from Mr. Dole gave great pleasure and profit.

Unity Branch, Cincinnati has had meetings once a month. They have done charity work, sent donations to several churches, and Unitarian literature in several directions. On the whole they have reason to feel satisfied with the work done by the little band of eight women.

In Marietta the Branch has given up its Study Class this winter to devote all its energies to money raising, both for the debt upon the new organ, and for repairs to the church after the disaster of last Spring. The Annual Christmas

weeks with an attendance of 15 to 25 who by paying 10 cents each time furnish a fund which provides flowers for the church, and defrays other small expenses. By special assessment the Circle supports a Paragraph Pulpit in the Salem Daily News. There are readings, discussions and refreshments at each meeting.

The Toledo Branch has had a winter of great activity. Meetings twice a week, on Thursday and Friday,—to suit the engagements of all the women. A light luncheon is served each day. The Literary program has been upon the Liberal Religions of eight leading countries. Post-Office Mission Work has been tried upon a new plan, each member furnishing ten names and much literature has been distributed. A Banquet with speeches and music at a charge of 50 cents, was considered a great success. A Fair netted $300, an unusually large sum. All appeals for Fairs have been answered,—100 garments made for charity, a donation made to the Toledo Hospital, one half the janitor's salary paid, and $50. paid towards the church deficit. Post cards are sent to 100 women each month announcing dates and subjects of meetings. A Junior Alliance has been started.

The Branch at Youngstown sends its first annual report. It meets every other week, with a membership of 15; its work has been largely social, one interesting feature being a Sunday dinner served after the morning service about once in 2 months. A social hour follows with speeches, all greatly enjoyed. A Christmas Fair raised $65. which was used for church flowers, silver for the Sunday dinners, table, etc.

In Cleveland the Alliance has carried out its program of business meetings, monthly suppers, social evenings and

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to "The Songs of Spring" most beautifully sung, with a sketch of each composer given, taking in "Woman's Suffrage" by the way, and other topics of current interest. A special Alliance Day was made interesting by reading twenty letters written in reply to notes from the Cleveland Alliance to other Alliances in large cities, asking methods of work. A fine luncheon was served many women not members being invited. It was voted a great success, and will perhaps be made an annual occasion. This year it shared the honors with the Fair which was the most successful ever held, nearly $1000. being earned by it. About $700. have been sent to struggling churches, answering all appeals in Word and Work. Letters and flowers have been sent to cases of illness and death. The Associated Charities and other local philanthropies received $206; $200 were used to rent sittings in the church for strangers thus making a contribution to the church funds; $50 for sending two teachers to the Summer School for Sunday School Workers at Meadville. Collections have amounted to $1581. with a present balance of $400. The average attendance is 47. The Post Office Mission has 98 correspondents its largest number, but owing to the scarcity of suitable sermons but two are mailed each month, besides a pastoral letter, instead of four as formerly. Apart from those distributed at the church door 1000 pastoral letters, 500 Christian Registers and 2200 sermons have been sent to correspondents outside the city, all names obtained by a printed notice accompanying the advertisement of the Sunday services in the Cleveland Sunday papers.

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appreciate their assistance." With only ten members, of whom half must do the work, the branch is kept busy earning money. One half the debt is paid and the prospect is bright.

The branch at Davenport meets fortnightly, promises $400 towards the ministers salary, $25 to the Western Conference, and the printing of the monthly Calendar. Has given $10 for P.O. Mission and keeps in touch with the National Alliance through reading Word and Work.

Sioux City branch meets weekly with a good programme. This year has renovated the church.

Iowa City branch holds monthly meetings with 15 to 20 present, the programme dealing largely with current Unitarian literature. Is to have a new church this year.

At Keokuk the minister conducts a Bible class at the close of the meetings, which has proved a source of great enjoyment. Much literary work is done and a course of lectures has helped to raise money. A flourishing organization of young women gives socials, parties etc. and conducts an Art class of nearly 70 members coming from almost every church in the city.

The branch at Humboldt numbering 45 are reported as most loyal and interested. A young people's society is paying off the church debt, thus relieving the Alliance. The branch has uplifting meetings and contributes to other branches; sent $5 to State missionary, $2 for A. U. A. fund; gave $75 for the organist, something to the Western Conference and paid for some repairs on church and parsonage. The president writes "while the Alliance work is not thoroughly known in Iowa, and consequently not thoroughly appre-

National organization. I rejoice in its good work."

Several of the Michigan Churches are without a minister, but the branches are bravely persevering with their routine work.

Onsted reports meeting once a month without a pastor.

Sherwood has had a very successful year financially, having turned their attention to making money to keep up the work. Have been unfortunate in not having a minister since last November, but are expecting one and their courage is renewed with the spring.

Jackson reports that the women have been busy doing the many things that church women are always expected to do. Have held the regular monthly meetings and much good feeling of fellowship and optimism prevails.

Detroit holds her full membership the same as last year. A Christmas Sale, Supper, and Hard Times Socials have kept the wheels moving. The monthly meetings have been well attended, the papers read exceedingly interesting and profitable. The Junior Alliance will furnish a musical program, and an Easter Sale in April.

Grand Rapids wishes that Word and Work would publish ways and means to earn money. "They are an earnest band of women."

In Missouri, the Eliot branch at St. Louis has enjoyed lectures from Mr. Day and Mr. Forbes. Much charitable work has been done as usual. Two entertainments have been given for the children, and two successful plays by the young people. All seem much interested.

Unity branch, St. Louis has 30 members and writes of a successful and profitable winter. "Sociology" has aroused much

At St. Joseph, Mo., the branch of 15 does charitable work and holds together well. "Many or most of us feel like the old man, who having spent his best energies and all his money for his loved ones is turned out."

The director for Missouri has under her care several branches in Illinois, among them Bloomington, very lately organized but already with a study class using the Alliance leaflets. Quincy, doing excellent work and making many contributions, and the two branches in Alton, where the Ladies' Aid with the Women's Auxiliary looks after the incidental expenses of the church, while the Anna D. Sparks Society with 23 members is also active.

For Illinois, Mrs. Delano reported:—

The Associate Alliance, composed of six branches, in or near Chicago has had six pleasant and profitable meetings, with an address and luncheon and social hour afterwards.

The Alliance of the Church of the Messiah reports a successful year financially and socially. The members have done sewing for "The School Children's Aid Society," and Mr. Pulsford has given a lecture once a month.

The Alliance of Unity Church reports the largest regular attendance it has had for years. It has had several social gatherings and entertainments to raise money, and sent boxes of clothing and other useful articles to those in need.

The Evanston branch has made garments for "The Needle Work Guild" and had social meetings.

The Hinsdale branch has had eight all day meetings with a box lunch and a great deal of sewing has been done. Several sales helped to swell the treasury so it was able to contribute to calls for charity when Chicago had to solve the problem of the unemployed.

money. Their reading has been interesting and instructive.

The Geneva branch has had fifteen afternoon and one all day meetings. Mr. Backus has spoken of the International Council in Boston, and Mrs. Celia P. Woolley of the "Frederick Douglas Center," in behalf of the colored people of Chicago. At Christmas 7½ pounds of unframed pictures were sent to Tuskegee, to be distributed among the colored people. Ten dollars was contributed to the Local Option movement and the repairs of the parsonage were paid for.

The social meetings have been of particular interest, as the reading of a continued story has been carried on through the meetings, which are to continue through the summer. The hospitality of this branch has made a spirit of friendliness and their branch has been invited to meet with the Congregational Society.

The Moline branch reports their small number are trying to raise money for music and in other ways to hold the church together until they have a resident minister.

The Alliance at Buda is doing good work keeping up the social life, contributing to the expenses of the church and making payments on the parsonage.

The Swedish branch in Chicago, while small in number, is helping greatly in the support of the little church and in disseminating liberal ideas of religion among the Swedish people of the city.

The Streator branch which was organized in December is in a flourishing condition financially and socially. Though the church is without a pastor it is keeping alive the spirit of good will among the people.

The branch at the Third Unitarian Church, Chicago, numbers 52 and is doing much work. A Lend-a-Hand committee many pleasant occasions which have added to the treasury. A penny a day fund has been started. The literary programme has included many topics of much interest.

An invigorating report from Indianapolis, Indiana, shows an immense amount of work done and untiring energy on the part of the leaders. All day meetings for sewing and a series of monthly talks by the minister are leading features of a happy, busy winter. "All will remember the good times enjoyed in the hard work which good comradeship made play."

From Minnesota is learned that the branch in the First Church Minneapolis holds fortnightly meetings with box lunch, and 10 committees carry on all branches of the work with good results.

In St. Paul "the Unity Church women joined with 21 churches in a Christmas shop, from which their share of profits was $900." Adrian reports meetings irregular, numbers few and burdens heavy. Luverne with 20 members working hard with food sales instead of suppers. Underwood has no minister but has decided to invite a Meadville student to spend his vacation with them. This branch wants good reading matter for children and young people. Hanska and Nazareth branches small but working harmoniously.

Excellent accounts of the Wisconsin branches were read, and only lack of space prevents long extracts. The Milwaukee branch without a minister has had larger attendance than usual. Five fine lectures and a Reminiscence evening have been marked events. All money has been given by voluntary contribution.

Arcadia shows earnestness and pros-

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that the Alliance is most important to the work of the church. The social part is practically its own. Our receptions serve an excellent purpose, and our all day meetings do more than anything else, perhaps, to bring our women into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship. Any matter which does not seem to fit in anywhere else always finds a place in the Alliance. It is difficult to see how the church could manage without it."

A sad letter comes from Hudson. The church which has existed in this place for nearly twenty years has failed at last—the Alliance branch with it. Mr. Boynton's removal from St. Paul deprives the people of all preaching. The few left are melancholy over the condition of affairs and it is useless, they feel, to attempt having a branch of the Alliance. Will not some branches write cheering letters to Hudson?

On the other hand we have a grateful accession to our ranks in the "Ladies' Aid Society" of the Union Congregational church at Green Bay, of which Rev. Ernest C. Smith is minister. The Aid Society becomes, now, a Branch Alliance and has sent its contribution to the National body.

At Kenosha the branch is most happy in the Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church which was dedicated last Sept. The report vividly describes the enthusiasm with which the needs of the Alliance rooms were supplied and the satisfaction felt in their use. As for the literary programs, "our subjects have been live ones, our papers well written, our discussions animated." Each committee seems to vie with the others to produce the most satisfactory results.

No new branches have been formed in Kansas, but the old ones are gaining coming of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Day brought new courage and enabled them to take up the work with renewed energy. Many interesting functions are planned for the year and many original ways of raising money.

The Topeka branch is described as in a healthy, growing condition. The Missouri and Kansas Valley Associate Alliance will be entertained in April.

In Lawrence the usual fair has been held and suppers with social evenings have been satisfactory, the happiest being the reception given to Prof. and Mrs. Carruth on their return from abroad. The Study class is under the charge of six committees, each being responsible for the work of one afternoon. The Book Table continues to be "our greatest missionary."

The Cheerful Letter Branch of the Waltham Women's Alliance has a large Bible, suitable for desk or pulpit. Any society desiring such a Bible, please communicate with the secretary of the Branch, Mrs. F. A. Stearns, 36 Harris Street, Waltham, Mass.

About 500 more books are needed for the circulation library on the Maine Coast launch, "Morning Star." Address boxes to Rev. A. P. MacDonald, Bar Harbor, Maine. For Maine Sea Coast Missionary Society, send by Eastern Steamship Co. Free transportation will be granted if asked for.

The meeting of the New England Associate Alliance at Hartford, Conn. on April 9th was exactly what the president wished for, "a grand rally." An audience of 250 were welcomed by Dr. Sunderland at Unity Church. Fifty branches from

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a Conference. The morning was devoted to reports from the branches and an address from Rev. Mr. Ives of New London, where a union of Unitarians and Universalists has been happily consummated. The afternoon was all too short for the subject announced, "Our Present Opportunity" as presented by the officers of the National Alliance, the president, both secretaries, treasurer and chairman of committee on Appeals each indicating opportunities from her standpoint. Mrs. Sunderland and Miss L. Freeman Clarke spoke briefly and Miss Foster, president of the Universalist Women's Missionary Society brought the greetings and good wishes of her association. It was an inspiring day for the Alliance.

Another opportunity for a similar gathering will be afforded on May 7th when the New England Associate Alliance will meet in the First Unitarian Church Worcester, Mass., by invitation of the Worcester League. The morning programme at 10.30 will have the pleasant addition of Miss Low, unexpectedly able to be present, and at 2 P.M. after a box lunch, addresses by Mrs. Atherton and Dr. Crothers will be given.

Rev. John L. Robinson of Richmond, Va. intends to make a trip north during the month of May, visiting Baltimore, Pittsburgh, New York and parts of New England. He will be glad to address any Alliance branch wishing to learn of the conditions in the south, and branches holding meetings in May will welcome the opportunity.

Miss Lilian Freeman Clarke, chairman of the P. O. Mission committee at Church of the Disciples, Boston, writes to correct a statement in the last report, as follows: "As a matter of fact we received over a *thousand* requests in *one* year for that especial tract ("The Sin against the Holy Ghost"). Of these *almost* seven hundred were in response to *one* insertion in a weekly paper, the others came from one insertion in another. This was seven years ago, and even in answer to this old advertisement, we still are receiving occasional requests, so that now probably more than 700 have been received, as a result of one insertion, seven years ago. As it stated in the Bulletin, it appears as if we had been offering this tract seven years, with very slender results."

The chairman of the committee on Appeals desires to call the attention of the branches to the list as it appears in this issue of Word and Work. Eight appeals have been generously filled and taken from the list. The chairman wishes to report at the annual meeting that this is a record year with every appeal wiped out. A response is therefore hoped for from these branches which have not yet given to Flatbush, New London and Jacksonville where the people are working hard to build, complete or furnish their churches.

The appeals now stand as follows:—

	Sum recommended.	*Amount needed.*
Flatbush, N.Y.	$500	$144.50
New London, Conn.	900	428.50
Jacksonville, Florida	900	342.37

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on May 8th 1908 in Boston. The president has called a special meeting for May 19th in Chicago, to receive reports and consider the needs of the West.

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Miss GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary* Mr. O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The 9th regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1907–1908 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, on Tuesday, April 7, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Arnold presided and there were present: Misses Loring and Taylor, Messrs. McMurdie, Melcher, and Wahlberg.

The Sec. read the report of the March meeting that was accepted; four new Life Members were reported, besides two additions to the National Union,—Newton, Mass., and Des Moines, Ia.—and the disbanding of the unions at Pueblo, Col. and Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Annual Meeting was discussed at some length. Each speaker is to be limited to fifteen minutes. The Boston Federation will hold its usual reception, followed by refreshments.

The following report of the Treas. was read and accepted:

Balance April 1, 1908:

Life Membership,	$727.98
Reserve Fund,	500.00
Cash Acct.,	1,061.37
" in office	13.06
	$2,302.41

VOTED: to pay all outstanding bills.

A letter from Rev. George H. Badger, inviting the Y. P. R. U. to take charge of a morning session at the Shoals Summer Meetings, was read.

VOTED: that we appreciate the courtesy of the Shoals Committee, and will be very glad to take charge of the forenoon.

VOTED: that the Pres. represent the National Union at the Isles of Shoals Meetings.

the Y. P. R. U. to have representation on the program.

VOTED: that the young people's work be brought to the notice of the Com. and that we be represented in some way at the Nantucket Meetings.

The Norfolk Conference sent a verbal request that we take care of the afternoon meeting to be held in Canton, Mass., some time in early June.

VOTED: that we accept the invitation to send a representative of the Y. P. R. U. to the Norfolk Conference.

Rev. Fred Alban Weil's letter, telling of the life and Unitarian outlook in Bellingham, Wash., was read and considered so interesting, it was suggested that it be read at the Annual Meeting.

VOTED: to adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary.*

Annual Meeting

The twelfth Annual Business Meeting of the Y. P. R. U. will be held in the Second Church, Copley Square, Boston, on the afternoon of Thursday, May 28, at 2 o'clock. Following this, from 5 to 7 o'clock, there will be a reception tendered by the Boston Federation.

At 7.30 the evening meeting will be held in the church; three short addresses will be given by Rev. Charles G. Ames, D.D., of Boston, Rev. Richard W. Boynton of Buffalo, N.Y., and by Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York, on the subject, "Does a Young People's Organization Help or Hinder the Work of the Church?" There will also be special music.

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cation to the National Secretary. It is hoped there will be a large representation. If none of the young people can find it convenient to attend, it might be well to select as delegates any older members of the parish, who are planning to be in the city during Anniversary Week. Last year's meeting was a good one and it is hoped this one may prove equally as interesting. Let a goodly number come and make it so!

Anniversary Week Hospitality

Following the custom of previous years the Boston Federation, in co-operation with the Unitarian Hospitality Committee, is making arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the Young People's Religious Union meetings, to be held Thursday afternoon and evening, May 28, 1908.

Delegates who may wish to remain in Boston over night will be provided with accommodations, upon application to Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, 25 Beacon St., Boston.

Through the courtesy of the larger Committee, delegates outside of the forty-mile limit, will be welcome on Thursday, May 28, to the luncheon at Bulfinch Place Church, upon application at the A. U. A. headquarters, 25 Beacon St.

Essex Federation

The Essex Federation of Y. P. R. U. was held in the Parish House, Beverly, on Friday evening, April 10. At 6.30 a company of about eighty-five sat down to a bountiful collation provided by the Beverly Guild.

Hale Reed of Belmont on "Focused Enthusiasm," both of which gave many helpful suggestions to their hearers.

At the brief business session the report of the secretary was read and approved, and a rising vote of thanks extended to the Beverly friends for their hospitalty. After a benediction by Rev. B. R. Bulkeley of Beverly, the meeting adjourned.

North Worcester Federation

If our meeting at Ayer on Saturday P.M. April 11, began with "Preserves and Pickles," and likewise ended with "Pickles and Preserves," let no one suppose that the unusual success of our table at the fair was the only topic under consideration.

"The Impulse of the Individual," or "The Measure of a Man," was the title of an address by Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell.

We value personality by the measure of what it can *be* and what it can *do*. A man can be whatever he wants to be. Only as we attain the highest possible in personal development do we realize the highest possible in personal achievement.

In the discussion following this address some of its strong points were emphasized by different speakers.

Rev. Walter F. Greenman spoke on "Rightful Expectancy." If there is anything you want with all your heart and with all your soul you will have it. It is the way of the world.

At the business meeting it was voted to send our missionary fund for the coming year to the National Union. During the past year $25.00 has been sent to the Colored School at Warrenton, N.C., and $25.00 to the National Union.

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Missionary Funds

Since the March *Word* and *Work* the special missionary fund has grown from $41.25 to $82.68, the following having sent contributions for this purpose:

Andover, N.H.,	$7.93
Ann Arbor, Mich.,	2.50
No. Middlesex Federation,	25.00
Watertown, Mass.,	2.00
West Upton, Mass.,	4.00
	$41.43
Previously received,	41.25
Total,	$82.68

For Proctor Academy there have come in $9, making the total to date, $123.75. There still remains $26.25 to be donated before the $150 is reached. Will not all the unions, not having already contributed, do so within the next few weeks that the $150 may be at hand before the Annual Meeting? Those having contributed lately are:

Cohasset, Mass.,	$1.00
Montreal, Can.,	2.00
Ware, Mass.,	2.00
West Upton, Mass.,	4.00
	$9.00
Previously received,	114.75
Total,	$123.75

Union Notes

Winkley Guild, Boston, Mass. "The Winkley Guild has held twelve regular meetings during the season 1907–'08 on alternate Sunday evenings. Six of the meetings have been addressed by outside speakers. The attendance at these meetings has was planned to take the place of our regular Christmas morning visit to the Mission which had to be given up this year. Miss Gertrude Freeman gave a most interesting account of the work at the Mission, and the meeting was a great success. In many ways, the past year has been discouraging, but on the whole it has been one of our best and one of the most eventful in our history."

Walpole, Mass. The Religious Union here has recently purchased a number of copies of Jubilate Deo, and has begun to show increased interest and a renewal of activity. Sunday evening meetings are held, with a business meeting once a month.

Winchester, Mass. The Metcalf Union has recently entertained the Osgood Union of Medford. On March 8, Mr. Robert C. Metcalf gave his last address on "Right Conduct."

Ann Arbor, Mich. "During the spring months the Students' Bible Class will take up the study of some of the great religions of the world outside Christianity. The course will be conducted informally, with a talk by Mr. Foote on the topics in hand, followed by opportunity for questions and discussion."

Montclair, N.J. On April 1 the Young People's Society gave a Mother Goose Party in the church parlors, while on Sunday, April 19, an illustrated talk on personal impressions of the Passion Play at Oberammergau was given. Early in May two comedies, "A Serious Situation in Burleigh's Room" and "My Lord in Livery" will be presented.

Charleston, S.C. "We are still having

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enthusiasm is shown than when we re-open in the fall."

Brooklyn, N.Y. "Owing to circumstances which we felt justified the step—resulting from changes in the place of church work, etc.—the Young People's Union of Unity Church was temporarily disbanded by vote of its few remaining members. I cannot even honestly say that there are any real signs of awakening interest. But I still hope—as one who remembers how much the little society meant, at one time, to those who were its members. Every effort to bring the newer set of young folks into line has been made. Our pastor has this object as his chief endeavor. I feel very confident that *sometime*, possibly next season, we may again apply to you to include us among your normal, healthy unions."

Windsor, Vt. "We have had no union meetings: in fact, have had no church services since last fall. We expect to have a minister the first of May, so we feel more hopeful."

Life Memberships

Four new Life Members have added their names since last month, making a total of 71 to date. We are still anxious for more and shall be glad to add constantly to this list:

68. Mr. Frank P. Scofield, Newton, Mass.
69. Mrs. Frank P. Scofield, " "
70. Miss Amelia P. Simpson, " "
71. Miss Eunice J. Simpson, " "

Points and Lines

The Channing Clan of Newton, Mass., Miss Carolyn Clarke, 33 Washington St., Secretary, and the Y. P. R. U. of Dor-

on Sunday afternoon and evening, April 26. Rev. Thomas Van Ness made the address of the evening, on "What for Young People is the Modern Meaning of our Motto,—Truth, Worship, and Service?"

The spring meeting of the South Worcester Federation was held in West Upton, on Sunday afternoon and evening, April 26, when Mr. Joseph A. Harwood represented the National Union. Rev. Josiah C. Kent of Northboro was the other speaker.

The next meeting of the South Middlesex Federation will be held in Medford on Sunday, May 3, when Mr. Palfrey Perkins will be the National Union representative.

During Mr. Wiers' absence from his home church on Sunday, May 3, Rev. William I. Lawrance of Winchester will occupy the Montclair pulpit, while Rev. Robert F. Leavens of the Arlington St. Church, Boston, will supply in Winchester for Mr. Lawrance.

The call for the Annual Meeting, credentials, and report of the Policy Committee will be sent out to our unions in a few days. It is expected that each union representative will carefully consider this report and come prepared to take part in the discussion of the afternoon.

The National Union will have charge of the afternoon meeting of the Norfolk Conference, in Canton, June 10, when Rev. Robert F. Leavens and Mr. Percy A. Atherton will give addresses.

The National Organization will also be represented at the Western Conference, to be held in Chicago the week beginning May 17. One afternoon is to be devoted to the work of the young people of our

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. Alfred H. Brown has resigned at Newton Centre, Mass. Rev. C. W. Wendte has resigned at Brighton, Mass. Rev. F. W. Smith has resigned at Bernardston, Mass. Rev. S. L. Elberfeld, recently of Hyde Park, Mass., accepts a call to Charlestown, N.H., where he begins his work July 1. Rev. C. L. Thompson has resigned at Peabody, Mass. Rev. J. A. Puffer of Gardner has received a call to the First Parish of Needham, Mass. Rev. Walter C. Peirce has resigned at Oklahoma City and returned to New England.

Anniversary Meetings. The anniversary meetings just held in Boston were unusually interesting and successful. Not for years has there been such a fine spirit of moral enthusiasm as was manifest throughout the entire week. It was not merely the anniversary of days gone, but in even a greater degree was it characterized by a hopeful and determined anticipation of greater days and deeds to come. The outlook was distinctly a forward one, and the last day

Business. The Association in annual meeting adopted important resolutions: 1. Recommending the establishment of a Department of Social and Public Service. 2. Providing for the appointment by the president of special committees (a) to consider and devise a system of ministerial exchange or collegiate preaching; (b) to consider and report upon the organization of a Laymen's League; (c) to report upon the preservation and restoration of the old Joseph Priestley Church at Northumberland, Pa.; (d) to consider the possibility of holding the annual meeting of 1910 in New York. 3. Appointing delegates and sending greetings to the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, to the Convention of Swiss Liberals, and to Peace Conference in London. 4. requesting the department conferences to consider the adoption of a local self-government and support in the work of church extension.

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Nominating System. The Association at the annual meeting held an animated discussion about the

the members of the Association. This committee was thoroughly representative of all the interests involved. It consisted of four honored laymen, two ministers and one lady. Three came from New England, and one each from the Conferences of the Middle States and Canada, Southern, Western, and Pacific. The members of this committee were unknown to each other before their appointment and approached the business laid before them from an entirely impartial standpoint. They reached a unanimous conclusion, and this fact had great weight with the members of the Association. As the debate proceeded, the choice of the delegates became practically limited to the plan of the committee and the plan proposed by Mr. Hutchinson, numbered IV. on the printed circular. The final vote gave a large majority to the plan of the committee. This scheme is an amendment of the present scheme, involving two important changes: 1. The nominating committee is relieved of the necessity of presenting two or more names for each vacancy. 2. The nominating ballot hereafter will be sent to the delegates of the churches only, and not to the life members. The life members retain their right of voting at the annual meeting, but they will take no part in the balloting for nomination that is carried on through the mails. With these amendments the present plan will be greatly improved, and this solution of a somewhat vexed problem appeared to commend itself thoroughly to the great majority of the members of the Association.

Secretary's Report. The report of Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, the secretary of the Association, showed progress $10,500. We have also bought land, or contributed to the purchase of land, buildings in Lancaster, Pa., $5,000, and in Schenectady, N.Y., $5,000. At Youngstown, Ohio, we have acquired property for $3,700; Champaign, Ill., $5,000; Jacksonville, Fla., $6,500; New London, Conn., $5,000; Oklahoma City, Okla., $5,000; Boisé, Ida., $5,000; Butte, Mont., $6,500; Great Falls, Mont., $4,000; Bellingham, Wash., $1,500. New churches have been dedicated during the year at Barnstable and Rowe, Mass.; Providence, R.I.; Buffalo, Dunkirk, Flatbush, and Schenectady, N.Y.; Montreal Can.; St. Louis, Mo.; Kenosha, Wis.; and Boisé, Ida. New societies have been organized at Summit, N.J.; Flushing, N.Y.; South Brooklyn, N.Y.; Wheeling, W. Va.; and other places, each having promise of growth and permanence." The new work of Mr. Bagnall among the colored people of Boston and Mr. Malgeri among the Italians was also referred to and commended.

Publication Report. The report of the Publication Department showed the past year as establishing new records in several ways. It was a banner year for tract distribution, the number being 387,000 and exceeding by 27,000 the high water-mark of the year before. A new plan of tract publication has been put into effect, whereby one new tract will be issued promptly on the first day of each month and will be promptly and systematically advertised in the *Christian Register*. The sale of books has also recorded a new figure, 11,207 copies having been sold. The most favorable and gratifying feature of book publication activity is

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The Anniversary Week of 1908 will long be remembered by Alliance members for the two unusually interesting meetings. The propriety and usefulness of holding two meetings during this busy week has sometimes been matter of question in the executive board, but the audiences which filled the South Congregational Church on Monday and Tuesday attested the value of both meetings.

At the afternoon meeting the Alliance was once more honored by the presence and blessing of Edward Everett Hale, senior pastor of the church. After the opening prayer Dr. Hale spoke of the duties of the Alliance and urged all to keep in mind its object and mission.

The president Miss Low in her welcome spoke of the many places she had lately visited and the enthusiastic work being done in distant sections like the Rocky Mt. and western divisions. The Alliance hymn, "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve" was sung as it has been for many years and Miss Low read the following poem written by an Alliance member.

A Greeting

God called, and one brave soul the answer knew
The heavenly message passed from heart to heart
Hands that were waiting found a work to do
Dear is the bond which draws our hearts today
When East and West with North and South unite
The hand-clasp felt in tender greeting here
Is strong to keep our fainting souls from fear—
When we go hence.

Some go with strength to give life full and free
Some will be weak and falter on the way,
It matters not how small the deed may be
If but the love of God constraineth thee,
It will be great.

The love the Father gives within each heart,
Each shall a deeper consecration feel
Then if the life *be* overworn and sad
The *spirit* shall rejoice, the *soul* be glad
When we go home.

Mary Clarke Smith.

Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, D.D. of Cambridge then gave an address most attentively listened to, on the Church Universal, the church which is to come, and which the Alliance can do much to forward; a church which is to include all that is good of the past with a full and free sense of liberty towards the new.

Rev. J. H. Applebee of Attleboro followed with "The Challenge of Our Faith," a forcible address giving much credit to the work done by women and urging the need of social service.

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Mrs. S. E. Hooper was also on the platform and received numberless personal greetings. A message of affectionate remembrance was voted by the assembly and sent to Mrs. B. Ward Dix, second president of the Alliance.

On Tuesday morning the annual business meeting was held at the same church. Although without the excitement of an election and with only routine reports this was one of the most spirited meetings ever held by the Alliance. There were 277 delegates and 15 life members present representing nearly every part of the country. Mrs. Davis, the corresponding secretary, whose report will appear in the Manual in full, gave an account of a recent visit to various branches in the south, speaking especially of Jacksonville, Florida where a new church is nearly finished. An uncompleted appeal for this church is now before the Alliance and Mrs. Davis expressed the wish that the $320 needed might be made up before the summer. Immediately pledges were made from several branches and the enthusiasm growing, the amount needed was very soon assured. Mrs. Keyes, chairman of the Committee on Appeals, then spoke of the unfinished appeals for New London, Conn. and for Flatbush, N.Y. in her estimation as important as Jacksonville, whereupon fresh enthusiasm burst forth and a new series of pledges soon wiped off all the outstanding appeals. Every section responded and the pledges came from branches in Canada, Oregon, Kansas, San Francisco and even from Swansboro, N.C. with many personal gifts from individual members present. It is most gratifying to be able to end the year with every appeal answered.

these reports will repay careful reading by the members unable to be present.

The Alliance meetings were concluded with a vote of thanks to the South Congregational Society for the use of the church and organ, and to the branch for the flowers and kindly attentions which added so much to the pleasure of the two gatherings.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Each year as we prepare the annual report we remember that in the early days the Alliance was called a "superb venture," and much solicitude was felt lest it should come to naught or even cause disaster. It was indeed a great and serious enterprise but it has had intelligent guidance and remarkable growth.

As each committee makes its report today we may well be exultant as well as grateful for the evidence of permanent strength and the promise of continued progress in the future.

The recording secretary speaks only for the Executive board, the group of faithful and efficient officers who shape the policy and guide the work. Eleven regular meetings have been held during the past year with an attendance varying from twelve to thirty, and often with two sessions lasting till late afternoon. One meeting, according to present custom was held outside of Boston, this year in New York, and a special meeting to consider local needs has been held recently in Chicago.

Every meeting but one has been presided over by the president, who with graceful dignity and thoughtfulness wields a quiet power over our deliberations and aims to keep us national. Then the six vice-presidents are by no means figure heads or honorary officials. The enthusi-

takes is done with zest, and always as if it was worth doing well. The western vice-president is not far behind, carefully safe-guarding the interests of her section lest western needs should be overlooked. While far away in the Rocky Mts. the most isolated of these officers has this year successfully organized an Associate Alliance. In the south the widely scattered branches are held together by the gentle but persistent member in New Orleans. We all glory in the Pacific Coast with branches from Seattle to San Diego which fall under one vice-president, and the Middle States retains three most important members of the Executive board, altogether a thoroughly representative body, the vice-president having charge also of the branches in Canada.

Several changes have been made among the directors, two in Massachusetts having resigned from change of residence, the vacancies being filled by the election of Mrs. Macgowan of Worcester and Mrs. Saville of Quincy. Mrs. Wyant of New Haven is now the director for Connecticut, and Mrs. R. W. Boynton has taken the place of Mrs. Merrell, so long one of the directors for New York state. At present there is a vacancy in California, the place of Mrs. Collier not being filled. In so large a board some changes each year are inevitable.

We have been told that all organizations tend to uniformity and that a national organization will be difficult to preserve when covering so large a country. It is therefore, the business of the executive board quietly and steadily to smooth out all difficulties, to have patience with local problems and personal peculiarities and never to set the interests of any section above the success of the whole.

In the same way with the various activities it is often hard to preserve the right sense of proportion, and harder still to draw the lines between what does and what does not belong to the Alliance to do. Every Unitarian woman is bound to make her church stand for something in the community and to help it take part in every good movement, but the distinctive purpose of the Alliance is religious and missionary and thus your executive board, while strictly adhering to the principle of independence for the branches continues to advise that denominational needs take precedence in your deliberations.

An Alliance branch may properly consider all the great problems of the day, social, educational and moral, for in each there are glorious opportunities for the faith we profess, but the religious and spiritual questions underlying these problems should be the chief concern.

It is almost superfluous here but necessary in a report to mention the various standing committees of your board. The Post Office Mission continues to take the lead. The distribution of tracts is often mentioned with indifference and even sarcasm, but the vivid personal experience of workers in this field convinces us of the power of the printed page and makes us thankful that such an agency for good is in our hands. Surely there is a call upon the Alliance to send forth the truth and make it as widespread as possible.

The Study Class committee has always been a useful one, guiding the reading and study undertaken by the branches. The eleventh Leaflet having for its subject The Hymns and Hymn Writers of our Faith has been issued this year and bids fair to win the interest of every branch. The Bureau of Lending Papers and the Lending Library has been of great and continuous service to these two commit-

keep it well supplied with modern books as they are published. Miss Murdoch once said "the Liberal Church must conquer by teaching as well as by preaching" and the Alliance has this opportunity of teaching.

From the Cheerful Letter Exchange you will hear that there is no limit to its beneficence and that here too, there is ample scope for service. The little effort required for this work brings full compensation and every branch should include it among its activities.

In its general missionary work the Alliance has continued its policy unchanged. All appeals for churches are referred to the special committee on Appeals. The chairman will give you the statistics for the year and tell you of the successful methods employed. If our fifteen thousand members were all as enthusiastic and zealous as this chairman, there would not be left in our whole country one community without a liberal church, and certainly a "struggling" one would be unknown.

The circuit preaching in North Carolina, Florida and Georgia continues under the direct care of the Alliance. The six chapels are so many important centres for the maintenance and growth of our Unitarian faith, and several new preaching stations have been created. Mr. Gibson, Mr. Cowan and Mr. Gillilan the regular ministers have been strongly reinforced by the chairman of the southern committee, whose time and perhaps her heart seem to be divided between Massachusetts and North Carolina. Of the work itself she will tell you, but not of the support given it by her energy, discretion and good judgment. These centres have been generously sustained by the branches and are not only by paying a fee but by contributing small sums in response to appeals, thus proving its fellowship.

At Green Harbor, another missionary post largely supported by the Alliance and the American Unitarian Association, the people are happy with the present pastor and continue to do as much as they can to keep the chapel and parsonage in repair and free from debt.

The Alliance long ago assumed a certain amount of responsibility in assisting students at the Meadville Theological School, asking from the branches yearly gifts. This year a similar appeal from the Pacific Coast Divinity School has met with gratifying response. These institutions are of inestimable value to the Alliance which needs trained ministers everywhere for the advancement of its work and the fulfilment of its ideals.

Increasing efforts have been made to enlist the young people of the churches in Alliance work and a notable number of branches report a Junior Alliance. These youthful bands must be recognized and cherished, their earnestness encouraged and their interest stimulated, that they may be able to continue the Alliance and help our liberal faith do what it ought to do.

The splendid gatherings of the Associate branches now numbering ten should have special mention. Each meeting is a centre of enthusiasm, and information and inspiration are carried to every branch and almost every individual.

Local branches sometimes feel small and discouraged till shown that they have an important part in the general and larger work. In this connection should be emphasized the value of visits to branches by directors and sending executive officers

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held at the Isles of Shoals and at Nantucket. In each case interest has been deepened and faithfulness increased.

Fellowship has been broadened also by neighborhood meetings of near-by branches which has grown into a custom and when the national corresponding secretary can attend one of these it is sure to be animated and roused, and, to use Mrs. Lord's word, "enlivened."

Perhaps the most marked event in the year has been the meetings of the International Council in Boston in Sept., of which you will hear full reports the coming week. The Alliance took a share in entertaining the foreign guests, and its special meeting was almost overwhelming in numbers and enthusiasm. We shall not soon forget the women who spoke to us, Miss Von Eyk, Miss Petzold, Lady Bowring and Miss Richmond who endeared herself to so many. We are proud to record that it is largely due to this gathering that the Unitarian women of England are about to form an association patterned after the Alliance with Lady Bowring at the head.

On June 9th begin the Anniversary or Whit-Week meetings of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association in London with sessions similar to ours of this week. A special meeting for the consideration of "Women's work in connection with our Churches" will be devoted to the "League of Unitarian Women," and on the same day will be held the annual meeting of the Central Postal Mission and Conference of Unitarian Workers.

Our Alliance may some day be international as well as national, and fellowship like the tracts and sermons of the Post-office Mission be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth.

A few words should be given to the denominational paper *Word and Work*, the receives a certain number of copies, and to make these reach every individual member of the Alliance is the obvious privilege, perhaps duty, of the officers of the branch. At least a secretary may keep her numbers on file for ready reference, and for the use of her successor.

You will learn from the treasurer that the In Memoriam list has been largely increased. It is a pleasure though a sad one to see the added names, and to know that their memory is perpetuated not only on the printed page but by a continuance of the work itself. Six Life Members have also been added. A Life Membership is frequently an honor bestowed by a branch upon a retiring president or other officer, securing thereby a continuance of the interest in the work which is apt to decline when the responsibility of office is dropped. Life members receive the Manual and the various circulars and leaflets sent out by the board.

Does this brief outline appear a commonplace chronicle of the year's work? Wait till you hear the details from others. Count the churches that have been helped, the new ones built, the old ones refurnished and restored, the preaching stations inaugurated. Think of the Alliance branches where there is no church. Some may never grow into the larger organization of a church, but will remain exponents and upholders of liberal thought in their several communities, needing just the help the Alliance can supply. The Alliance is a direct channel for spreading the Unitarian gospel in places where only small groups can be gathered or where sometimes one individual alone stands for our faith. The scattered inquirers who have been helped and brought into relationship with others are many.

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Statistics may never make it possible for

Every part of the work has borne fruit and left its record somewhere.

We cannot say too often that the reward of well doing is the power and privilege of doing better, and it should be one result of a report that each member is spurred on to put forth new strength to meet the new opportunities as they arise.

New churches continue to be needed, and more life is needed in the old ones. Unitarian women are not all Alliance members and many churches even in New England have as yet no Alliance branch. Our circuit ministers work in fields untilled by other liberal Christians, and if we fail them no one else is likely to take up the work. The Post Office Mission and the Study class must still "pursue" and still "achieve," for liberal thought must still be promulgated. The east must clasp hands with the Pacific Coast grasping the Rocky Mts. by the way; the west and the south must stretch out in every direction, bringing the newer branches in Florida into close touch with our Canadian sisters who are just across what for the Alliance is a purely imaginary line.

Such is our excellent form of government that each group retains control of its own affairs while joining in all matters involving the interests of the whole, enabling all to work harmoniously together and to help each other while attending to their own affairs.

The Alliance does its work in special ways and we must show by continued success that we believe our ways are good, and for the sake of the work itself we must go forward with strength and full co-operation.

"That man is not the discoverer of any

Report of Special Meeting

The announcement of a special meeting to be held in Chicago attracted much attention and the following report therefore will be read with interest.

The meeting called for May 19th 1908, was held at 10.30 A.M. in the Church of the Messiah, Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Low presided, and in the absence of the National Secretary, Mrs. Bradley of Ohio was made Secretary pro tem. There were present the Western Vice President, Mrs. Delano, Mrs. Child, Mrs. Doolittle, Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Mersereau, Miss Low and Mrs. Bradley, also a large gathering of members from the Branches represented in the Western Conference. Ten states responded to the roll-call.

The treasurer's statement for April was read and discussed, in order that the directors who seldom have an opportunity to ask questions upon these matters might take this means of gaining information. The report of the Committee on Appeals was then read and treated in the same manner. Attention was called to the small number of branches which have ever contributed to Alliance appeals. Out of 360 branches in 1907, only 96 gave anything to help the struggling societies. Mrs. Keyes' able circular letter sent to all branches last year had a good effect and in 1908, 205 have contributed. Let us hope that the increasing interest in doing for others will continue.

Miss Low called the attention of the branches to the necessity for national members in qualifying for legal delegates to vote at the National Election next year.

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branches near to the Missouri field, and for 4 in Missouri.

Mrs. Delano reported for Indiana the need for a few more members in order to reach the number entitling the state to a director.

Mrs. Doolittle of Wisconsin told of earnest and successful work.

Mrs. Childs of Minnesota told details of the work in small struggling churches, and her effort to establish an Alliance meeting in connection with the State Conferences. Written reports were read from Mrs. Marsh of Nebraska, and Mrs. Garfield of Iowa, who were unable to attend. Mrs. Marsh spoke of great need for a missionary visitor to supplement the work of the ministers, a sort of Field Agent.

Mrs. Garfield asked how can we make the church the first and best interest of women outside their homes?

Mrs. Marks of Michigan, however, gave the keynote to the morning's discussion when she stated her problem which was "Why will many of our best women work in clubs and not in the Alliance?" A full discussion followed her question.

Miss Low said she considered it a national and not a local dilemma, and that there were many phases of it to be considered.

The discussion brought out the following points:

1. The church is so little of a social avenue at present. One director mentioned a new family in a town who had a limited sum to spend, and deliberately chose a club instead of a church, for the sake of the social opportunities afforded.

2. One advantage of a club seems to be that all sects meet on a common footing.

3. That in working for a church one ment work is suggested for Alliance women.

These topics called forth much intelligent discussion. Mrs. Stickney of St. Paul said the Alliance there found much to inspire its members in civic interests, and neighborhood settlement work.

Mrs. Doolittle of Milwaukee told of an Alliance branch which had tried unsuccessfully to interest its members in sewing, literary exercises and even in theatricals, when some one said why not try religion, and in this the solution was found!

Miss Buck summarized the morning's talk by making a plea for breadth in church work, and for true religion in the Alliance, which means a Spirit of Helpfulness of many kinds, and a Spirit of Unity. Miss Low added as a closing motto, "Stand true—be loyal—to the church, and to the Alliance."

Resolutions of sympathy were extended to Mrs. Learned of Kansas who was prevented by illness from being present, also to the Alliance at Chelsea, Mass., so bravely bearing the affliction of its recent great calamity.

Miss Low requested all branches to send her a copy of their Yearly Printed Programs.

The summer address of Mrs. Alma Faunce Smith, president of the New England Associate Alliance will be 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

The list of Lending Papers is being revised and the committee requests that all papers may be returned to headquarters as soon as convenient.

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Alliance members have enjoyed meeting Rev. Mr. Gillilan the southern circuit min-

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Annual Meeting

The twelfth annual meeting was held in the Second Church, Boston, Thursday, May 28. At 2 o'clock the business session took place, Pres. Arnold presiding. The credentials showed 101 delegates present from 50 unions and 6 states, Massachusetts sending 93, Michigan 1, New

The report of the policy committee was read and every recommendation adopted with the exception of that relating to the unions' considering the establishment in some locality of "a definite philanthropic work which shall be ultimately the permanent missionary object of the National Union."

Mr. Atherton, for the committee on incorporation, presented a report that was thoroughly discussed and finally laid on the table until next year.

The committee on resolutions offered the following that were unanimously adopted:

Resolved; that the Y. P. R. U. send cordial greetings to the Y. P. C. U., wishing them success in the common work shared by all the young people of the Liberal Church.

Resolved; that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the retiring president, Mr. H. G. Arnold, for his efficient devotion in carrying forward all branches of the Union work.

Resolved; that a vote of thanks be extended to the proprietors of the Second Church, Boston, for their kindness in allowing the Union the use of their building.

Resolved; that the thanks of the meeting be extended to the Boston Federation for its yearly reception and entertainment of the delegates to the National Union.

Resolved; that the delegates to this meeting, having listened to the interesting and instructive report of Rev. Edgar S. Wiers on his Southern trip, desire to place on record their grateful appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the National Union.

Mr. Frederic G. Melcher then presented this last that was enthusiastically received and most heartily adopted:

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Resolved; that each and every delegate here assembled shall assume the responsibility to impress on each home organisation and interested person that the world has waited centuries for the Young People's Religious Union and we must "make good."

After the adjournment of the business session a reception to the old and new officers was held, followed by refreshments served by young ladies from the Boston Federation.

The evening meeting in the church was preceded by a musical service rendered by Mr. H. S. Wilder, organist, Miss Harriet P. Richards, violinist, Miss Sarah Ames, 'cellist, while Mr. J. Russell Abbott led the congregational singing. At 7.30 the retiring president conducted the devotional service, introducing in turn the speakers of the evening, Rev. Charles G. Ames, D.D. of Boston, Rev. Richard W. Boynton of Buffalo and Rev. John H. Holmes of New York, the subject under consideration being, "Does a Young People's Organization Help or Hinder the Work of the Church?" The speakers were agreed that some such organization does help the church life and the church activity. In conclusion, Rev. H. H. Saunderson, the new president, spoke briefly.

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The tenth regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1907–1908 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, May 5, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Arnold presided and there were present: Miss Floyd, Miss Taylor, Mr. Harwood, Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Melcher, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Wahlberg.

The Sec. read the report of the last amount needed be used at the Annual Meeting, these to be stamped with a rubber stamp.

The report of the Treas. was read and accepted.

VOTED: to pay all bills.

VOTED: that money so far collected for Proctor Academy be paid by May 20.

VOTED: to thank Rev. William I. Lawrance and Rev. Robert F. Leavens for their kindness in supplying the pulpits of Montclair, N.J. and Winchester, Mass., respectively on Sunday, May 3.

The Treas. read a report of the Committee on Incorporation.

VOTED: to ask the past presidents, past secretaries, present Board of Directors, and the incoming Board to act as Incorporators of the proposed Corporation.

VOTED: to invite Rev. George Hale Reed of Belmont and the next president to speak at the Shoals Meetings.

VOTED: to adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR., *Sec.*

North Worcester Federation

The ninth Annual Meeting of the North Worcester Federation Y. P. R. U. was held at Sterling, Sunday afternoon and evening, April 26. The afternoon session opened at four o'clock with a brief devotional meeting led by Rev. H. B. Stevens of Sterling.

Several short papers on "Notable Women of the Unitarian Faith," were read. Rev. Abbot Peterson of Lancaster gave a very eloquent address, taking for his subject, "What is your life?" The afternoon session closed with brief reports from the different unions represented.

After a bountiful luncheon and a social

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fitting closing word in his "Farewell Address."

HELEN W. GREENWOOD, *Sec. Pro Tem.*

South Worcester Federation

The April meeting of the South Worcester Federation was held in West Upton, Sunday, April 26.

The afternoon session began at 4.45 with Mr. Edwin Clarke of Worcester, the president, presiding.

The afternoon paper was by Mr. George W. Cromb of Mendon on "Pre-eminence of Honesty," and Mr. Cromb, being one of our former presidents, urged loyalty to the federation.

The evening session at 7 o'clock was devoted to two speakers—Rev. J. C. Kent of Northboro, who gave us a fine address on "Lessons of Spring"; and Mr. Joseph A. Harwood, president of the North Middlesex Federation, who spoke on "Reasons for the Existence of Young Peoples' Unions."

MAY A. LELAND, *Sec.*

Boston Federation

The annual meeting of the Boston Federation was held Sunday, April 26, 1908 at the church of Rev. Charles F. Dole, D.D. Jamaica Plain, with sessions at 4.30 and 7.45 P.M.

The following officers were elected for 1908–1909: President, Mr. Sanford Bates; Vice President, Mr. George E. Brown; Secretary, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie; Treasurer, Mr. Herbert C. Beck; and a director from each union in the federation.

Much of interest took place at the afternoon meeting, at which time interesting which should pay for a new Associate Membership.

The evening meeting was addressed by Rev. Thomas Van Ness on the "Modern Meaning of our Motto—'Truth, Worship, and Service.'"

O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Sec.*

Channing Federation

The Channing Federation held its semi-annual meeting with the Channing Club of Taunton on Sunday afternoon, May 10, at 4.15 o'clock, with Pres. Harold G. Arnold in the chair, and an attendance of about 115.

The Federation was very much pleased to hear Mr. Fernandez from India who gave an exceedingly interesting address on the customs of that country. Mr. Percy A. Atherton also spoke, bringing many inspiring thoughts regarding the work of the Unitarian young people outside our own Federation.

After the meeting refreshments were served by the Channing Club.

FLORENCE L. COWLES, *Sec.*

Report of the Unitarian Union-at-Large

The Union-at-Large closes its second season with a membership of 97. The committee in charge decided that the work should be carried on along much the same lines as those adopted the first year—appealing to the ministers for the names of any young people absent from their congregations—and sending to these same young people letters stating the purpose of the Union-at-Large and asking them, by joining this society, to show their interest in the aims of the Y. P. R. U., as

sent us, but only to those who, by replying to our invitation, expressed a desire to receive such literature. We do not thrust our wares upon anyone, thus making sure that whatever seed we sow falls on good ground.

The work for the year has necessitated the sending of 1925 copies of the A. U. A. sermons and the "Word and Work," also about 650 letters.

26 new members have joined, four have withdrawn, placing the present membership at 97—45 of these being students in some school or college.

The territory covered by this membership list is wide-spread, including 25 states, Alaska, and Canada. Oregon, California, Florida, and Texas are represented—Texas having more members than any other state outside of Massachusetts.

As the Union-at-Large was originally organized for the purpose of maintaining an interest in Unitarianism among students away from home, an effort was made to obtain an expression of opinion from the student members as to the advisability of organizing some sort of guild in schools where the numbers of Unitarians would seem to warrant. A general disinclination among the students themselves, partly due to a dislike for adding to their already busy lives, partly to a hesitation about spreading a feeling of sectarianism, made it seem wise to give up the undertaking.

It is true that the work of the Union-at-Large is similar to that done by both the P. O. Mission and the Cheerful Letter Society. But as a means of interesting young people, not only in the cause of Liberal Religion but in the Y. P. R. U. itself, it has its own reason for existence.

Numerically the movement may seem

The Union-at-Large represents, in the distribution of the "Word and Work," an expense of about $50 a year to the Y. P. R. U. But in view of the interest awakened, and the influence for good among the young people who have voluntarily joined its ranks, its value is such that it would seem to justify the Union in a continuance of this little missionary enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH LORING,

Chairman, Union-at-Large.

South Middlesex Federation

The meeting was called to order at 4.30, May 3, 1908, by Rev. Frederic Gill of Arlington, who conducted the devotional service.

The president set forth the scheme of the programme in which two ministers were to give in fifteen minutes each their ideas on "What the Young People should do for the Church," to which a member from four different guilds was to reply, "What the Church should do for the Young People," and introduced to the meeting Rev. Howard A. MacDonald of East Lexington, Rev. Geo. H. Reed of Belmont, Mr. Frederic G. Melcher of Newton Centre, Mr. Charles H. Eames of Billerica, Mr. William J. Riley of Lexington, and Mr. George L. Prescott of Concord.

Mr. Palfrey Perkins made a very strong plea for a more worshipful attitude among the young people.

At 7.30 o'clock the federation reassembled in the church, the Rev. Henry De Long conducting a beautiful devotional service.

A most inspiring sermon was then de-

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly has left Worcester, and taken up his work in Lincoln, Neb. Rev. John W. Rowlett, recently of the Methodist church, of Markel, Tex., has received and accepted a call to the Unitarian church in Atlanta, Ga. Rev. W. F. Greenman, of Watertown, Mass., has accepted a call to Milwaukee, Wis. Rev. Harold Arnold has accepted a call to Bridgewater, Mass. Rev. George A. Hathaway, of Scituate, Mass., has accepted a call to Great Falls, Mont. Rev. E. M. Hodgin, of Minneapolis, Minn., has received and accepted a call from Los Angeles, Cal. Rev. Robert F. Leavens, of Boston, has received and accepted a call to Fitchburg, Mass. Rev. N. A. Baker will be ordained and installed as assistant minister in Portland, Ore., on October 5. Rev. J. W. Hudson, of Stoneham, Mass., has resigned to accept a professorship in the West. Rev. E. H. Barrett has resigned at Buda, Ill. Rev. B. A. Hills has resigned at Luverne, Minn., to do circuit work in Michigan. Rev. T. C. Brockway has resigned at Gresham, Col. Rev. Arthur Savage has taken charge of the church at Highland Springs, Va.

Summer Work. During the past summer Unitarian work has been carried on to an unusual degree, and with gratifying success. The sentiment concerning the duty of the open church is growing amongst us, as was evident from the fact that many churches arranged to hold services throughout the summer months, instead of closing their doors through vacation. The fact that these services were well attended is an evidence of the fact that their decision was both justified and rewarded.

Union services were held in the Church of the Messiah, New York, in charge of Rev. Leon A. Harvey, of Brooklyn. In Boston a number of churches remained open for the summer. The First Church held services, various ministers of the city conducting them. King's Chapel was open every Sunday, and was well attended. The First Church of Dorchester also continued its activities, with

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partment. For thirty-five years this historic church was closed for public worship until last year, when Dr. Edward Everett Hale succeeded in opening it and conducting a service there. This year the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, of Boston, in co-operation with the American Unitarian Association, secured the church for the summer. Four services were held, with wonderful success. In spite of the fact that the first two services were held on the hottest days of a tropical July, audiences of six hundred and eight hundred gathered to hear Rev. Charles Ferguson, of Kansas City, and Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, of Washington. On August 2 Rev. Edward Everett Hale was the magnet that drew thousands. Half an hour before the doors were advertised to open hundreds were waiting on the street. Such was the crowd that a policeman, seeing the multitude, and not being able to comprehend the fact that a Unitarian service could possibly account for it, called out the police reserves. After every space in the church had been filled, fully a thousand could not secure admission. At the last meeting of the series Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, of New York, addressed an audience of over twelve hundred. It is hoped to repeat the enterprise on a longer, if not a larger, scale next summer.

In the West, also, a number of churches were kept open during the month of July. Bloomington, Duluth, Iowa City, and Ann Arbor tried the experiment, with good success. Omaha and Memorial Chapel, Chicago, have long kept open in July, and have been well attended.

In New England the usual summer services have been held at various summer resorts on the coast. At Ocean Point the meetings have been most successful, the

A new enterprise of unique interest was the open-air campaign conducted in Boston by Rev. W. L. Meaker, of West Somerville, Mass. During the summer he has held meetings every night on the streets, speaking nightly to audiences ranging from one hundred to two hundred. At 7.30 he spoke at Appleton Street and at 8.30 at Pemberton Square, after the Salvation Army had finished. Every Sunday he has spoken for two hours on the Common, and conducted a service at Parker Memorial in the evening. The audience at the latter place has grown to over a hundred and fifty, almost all being men. During the summer Mr. Meaker has preached over seventy-five times. The result of this work reveals a wide-spread need and demand for our liberal gospel on the part of the man of the street, whom many of us have thus far despaired of being able to reach.

An interesting work was carried on at Monroe Bridge, Mass., during the summer by C. E. Tomlin, of Meadville School. Preaching services were held every Sunday evening, with an average attendance of 20, and a Sunday-school of 17. A Boys' Club and a Girls' Helping Hand Society were organized.

The Unitarian Headquarters at Chautauqua, under the charge of Rev. W. Channing Brown, has carried on its usual activities during the summer. It has been a centre of liberal influence and a meeting-place for those who seek the larger truth.

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The preaching appointments of the President of the Association during the

King's Chapel in Boston. In the latter part of October he is to go West and will preach the sermons at the dedication of the new churches in Urbana, Ill., Iowa City, Ia., and Oak Park, Chicago. He will also attend the meeting of the Michigan Conference at Grand Rapids and confer with the Directors of the Western Conference in Chicago.

The Secretary of the Association has preached during the summer months at Leominster, Fitchbugr, Magnolia, Manchester, and Fairhaven, Mass., Ocean Point, Me., and King's Chapel in Boston. Early in November he will start upon an extended journey in the Southwest.

At the last meeting of the board of directors several important and interesting appointments were made and enterprises started.

Rev. Earl M. Wilbur was appointed field secretary in the Pacific Department, and Rev. John A. Cruzan field agent in that department, both for terms beginning September 15. Mr. Wilbur will not relinquish any of his work as dean of the Pacific School for the Ministry, but he will add to his labors for the school the charge of the executive work of the department. He will conduct the correspondence, visit the churches when possible, and represent the national fellowship. Mr. Cruzan will be the active worker in the field, in charge of the new movements. His first duty will be the development of the society at Eureka, Cal.

Three lecturers on the Billings foundation were appointed. Rev. Bradford

tirely new country for our work, and Mr. Clayton's first journey will be in the nature of a prospecting of the field. Rev. Minot O. Simons, of Cleveland, was appointed to visit the churches of the Pacific Department, and he will probably make his journey immediately after Christmas.

The new Department of Social and Public Service, provided for by the vote at the annual meeting in May, was inaugurated by the appointment of Rev. Elmer S. Forbes to be secretary, the appointment to take effect October 1. In general it may be said that the department is designed to promote in our churches the study of social problems and to encourage practical work for their solution. The department will be administered by a standing committee of the board of directors of the Association and by an advisory council of experts. The secretary will be the executive officer. He will place himself at the disposal of the churches as an adviser and inspirer in works for the public welfare. He will be ready to address churches, clubs, and Alliances, with a view to assisting them in practical work and bringing them into relations with the great movements for civic reform and social amelioration.

The second year of the Tuckerman School for Parish Assistants will open on October 6. Mrs. Clara T. Guild, the new dean of the school, has been at work all summer, developing the plans for the different courses. Channing Hall will be the meeting-place for the present, and Mrs. Guild can be consulted there any morning. It is much to be hoped that the teachers of our Sunday-schools and all who are inter-

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work in South Dakota, beginning September 1. He will locate at Brookings, and travel about the State, going wherever there is promise of an opportunity to establish a church. Similar work will be done in Northern Michigan by Rev. B. A. Hills. He will serve the church at Harrietta, and seek to establish others.

The first number of the Unitarian Calendar will be issued on October 1. Twenty-seven churches have already signified their intention of using it in their local work, giving it an initial circulation of over seven thousand copies. It is a little magazine, full of brief, clear-cut statements of the Unitarian faith and news of the liberal movement. Four local pages are inserted without additional expense. The cost is two cents a copy. For both propaganda and publicity purposes the Calendar will do excellent service.

Rev. Albert J. Coleman reports that the new church in Jacksonville will be opened and dedicated about December 1. The church property will be worth $24,000, and it is confidently expected that the church will be opened free of debt. This fine achievement in Jacksonville will add greatly to our standing and influence in the South.

The publicity work of the Association is opening with much promise. Many churches are planning to adopt publicity methods in their local work. In Topeka, Kan., Rev. A. M. Rihbany has made a nine months' contract with the Topeka *Blade* for the publication of the Paragraph

"Heart and Voice" is the title of a new Sunday-school Song and Service Book, compiled by Rev. C. W. Wendte, editor of the well-known "Sunny Side," "Carol," and "Jubilate Deo," of which nearly a hundred thousand copies have been sold in the liberal church. The new work is now in press by Geo. H. Ellis Co., 272 Congress Street, Boston, and will be issued in late October. It contains some 200 pieces of music and 300 hymns, much of the material being new to our schools. The twenty-five services include many for special occasions.

Publication Department

The Publication Department will have ready early this month a group of autumn books as attractive in general range of interest and contents as any which it has ever issued. The list consists of twelve entirely new volumes and seven titles either entirely new to the Association's catalogue or reissued in new form.

In the line of theology are Wrede's "Paul," the second of the series of translations from noted German theologians, and a new edition of Mr. Sunderland's "The Origin and Character of the Bible," formerly called "The Bible: Its Origin, Growth, and Character," which has been brought up to date in all details, and embodies the results of the latest Biblical scholarship.

In biography there are "Captain Thomas A. Scott," by F. Hopkinson Smith, being Volume V. of "True American Types" series; Dr. Robert Collyer's "Some Memories," being a volume of delightful reminiscences, substantially as first printed in the *Christian Register;* and "Sons of the Puritans," a companion volume to

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Of an ethical or religious character are volumes such as "The Sea of Faith," by Milton Reed; "The Higher Sacrifice," by David Starr Jordan; and "The Church of To-day," by Dr. Joseph H. Crooker. The list is also enriched by "A Book of Prayers," by Dr. Charles Gordon Ames, which were taken down stenographically at the time of their utterance, and now published in revised form, and by a volume of sermons by Dr. Collyer, "Where the Light Dwelleth."

Three additional volumes have been added to the first three issued last year in the set of Theodore Parker's Works, which is to be completed in 1910 in about fifteen volumes and a full prospectus of which is now in preparation. The new titles are: "The Transient and Permanent in Christianity," "Sermons of Religion," and "Historic Americans." Prices and fuller information about these books can be found on the two last pages of this issue of *Word and Work*.

During the past few years the Publication Department has been issuing a number of books particularly adapted for and stimulating to young people, and a special circular of these half-dozen or more books is now in process. The works of David Starr Jordan are to be published this autumn in uniform style, boxed, and sold in sets or separately as desired. Barring the technical books of the President of Stanford University, the Association is the publisher of all of his writings, with a single exception.

The regular autumn catalogue, announcing these nineteen books, is in active preparation, and will be mailed as soon as ready to any inquirer upon request. It is gotten up on rather original lines, it is believed, and will be more than an ordinary chronicle of the merits of the Association's publica-

A Word to the Workers. As never before the masses are ready to receive us. The public school, the higher educational institutions, the press, the magazine, and the liberalizing influences of popular government have conspired to create a great public upon which the religious authorities of the past have but a nominal, if any, bearing. It has been demonstrated that a clear Unitarian interpretation of religion in the marketplace receives a respectful and often a grateful hearing. The multitudes are weary, if not contemptuous, of the usual appeals of street evangelists. The people as a whole pass them by good-naturedly or look upon them as survivals of a religious method and a theological system which have long since been refuted by the elementary teachings of the common schools.

Are we ready to reap where this harvest is white? Human nature always has been and always will be essentially religious, and that interpretation of life which harmonizes best with the growing intelligence of any given age will do the most good and will be taken most seriously. We believe the time has arrived when Unitarianism, clearly understood and simply stated, will best meet the needs of the popular mind and heart. We believe the day has dawned when busy men and women, artisans, laborers, clerks, will stop by the wayside to listen to him who has a rational message, which bears directly upon the facts of experience and the eternal relations between God and man.

Such was the first Christian gospel, and unless human nature itself changes, such will be the most effective gospel for centuries to come. It happens that just now Unitarianism is peculiarly fitted to con-

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Although the months since the last issue of *Word and Work* are called vacation, they have been far from idle months for the Alliance. The various State Conferences and May anniversaries were hardly recorded before the summer meetings began and at many of them the Alliance officers have been present. At Nantucket and the Isles of Shoals the president and corresponding secretary took part in discussions or gave addresses and the crowded attendance was largely composed of Alliance workers.

In August the Alliance was ably represented at the Hancock Conference held at Bar Harbor, Maine by Miss Fanny Field, chairman of the committee on Study Classes. Miss Field gave one of the addresses on "The Unitarian Faith at work," Rev. Mr. Saunderson speaking for the Young People's Religious Union and Dr. Eliot for the American Unitarian Association.

Very many branches choose the summer time for social events, for garden parties, neighborhood meetings and fairs, while others continue to meet regularly to prepare for sales at Christmas time. We hear of the Grove Meeting at Santa Cruz, California, of successful bazaars at Castine, Maine and Green Harbor, Mass. and read with interest of the large attendance at Chautauqua and the meetings at Unitarian House. Altogether there is ample proof that Unitarian women have nate ones who have been able to travel and those who have rested at seashore or mountains will now be ready to take up the interrupted work with new zeal and share with others the benefits which opportunity has given them. Experiences will be related, new projects will be proposed, new methods tried, new theories be discussed, new books criticised, and let us hope new life will be infused everywhere. Thus the Alliance will continue to be of increasing service to denominational life.

The Executive Board held its regular meeting on Sept. 11th with nineteen present from New York, Canada, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Mrs. E. D. Rue of Alameda was declared elected as director for California, Miss Helen F. Spalding of Portland, Oregon having been elected in July as vice-president for the Pacific Coast. Several changes have been made in committees which will all appear in the forthcoming Manual.

The Post Office Mission promises an active winter. The chairman of the committee is full of suggestions and allows nothing helpful to the Mission to be overlooked. Mrs. St. John of Philadelphia will supervise the work in the Middle States and the Pacific Coast has an efficient member of the committee in Mrs. Presson at San Francisco headquarters.

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Copies of the Tract List of the American Unitarian Association will be sent on application to Mrs. F. T. Lord, 25 Beacon St., Boston, in which are marked the fifty tracts which experienced workers consider the most valuable for the P. O. Mission. These should be carefully read by all who are to carry on P. O. Mission correspondence, and with these as a foundation familiarity with the rest of the tracts can be gradually acquired.

Among other literature for free distribution are some excellent sermons by Rev. H. C. Ives of New London, Conn. Two already printed "The Way to Eternal Life" and "Service the road to greatness" are admirable in themselves and well suited for P. O. Mission. They are in the form of folders or leaflets that can be slipped into a letter.

Miss Bayley, the recently elected chairman of the Cheerful Letter Exchange is doing much to systematize and improve that branch of work. A number of subscriptions have fallen off from lack of notification but will doubtless be renewed. As so often stated, if each branch would take a few copies of the *Cheerful Letter* it would continue to be self-supporting. The Travelling Libraries have been an important feature of the Exchange and the subcommittee in charge just now requires a chairman and is looking for volunteers. The need of teachers in the Home Study department is also urgent. No part of the work is more satisfactory and some one in each Alliance branch should be willing to take a pupil.

The Study Class committee announced several new lending papers ready. The new leaflet on Hymns and Hymn Writers will doubtless be much used and many branches will complete the course of last year, Liberal Religious Movements in Foreign Countries, which must be of perpetual

The report of the Southern committee was of intense interest. The regular appointments in the Georgia-Florida circuit have been met throughout the summer by Mr. Gibson who finds much to encourage his efforts.

In North Carolina Mr. Gillilan has organized a society at Pink Hill, Lenoir Co. and the people are trying to raise enough money to build a church with the assistance which the Alliance can give. Several Brush Shelters have been put up in Mr. Cowan's circuit and the attendance at services has increased.

The work at Shelter Neck has been carried on during the summer by Rev. W. S. Key who was fortunately able to go to the assistance of the people when the recent terrible storms deluged that section. The storm of July 29–31 was the worst ever known; a heavy rain, accompanied by high wind, fell continuously for over forty-eight hours. The Northeast river rose until for miles the adjacent country was under water, roads were impassable, not a bridge was left in Pender and Duplin counties and all transportation was by boat. At Shelter Neck nearly every house was flooded and the people obliged to take refuge on knolls or in the houses which were fortunately situated on higher ground. In one instance 39 people found temporary quarters in one small dwelling. Dix House was the only other house above the water and twenty-one people sought shelter there, while no less than seventy were cared for one day at another house where four families had already taken refuge. One of those who had to leave his home writes "We all had to put our mules, horses, goats and hogs on the little hill near by. Every house was under water. All have lost nearly everything in the way of crops, everything is dead, corn, cotton, peas,

able to look around over the fields and see nothing but mud and water where two weeks ago were magnificent crops."

Help was immediately sent in response to an appeal in the Boston *Evening Transcript* which served to relieve immediate distress and buy some seed and fertilizer to plant winter vegetables and crops for early fodder, etc. Further help has come through the efforts of Mr. Key who has organized local committees along the line of the flood and presented the needs to the state and government officials. It will be a time of great distress for a year, until another crop shall have been harvested, and constant help will be needed to prevent suffering.

Money was appropriated from the Southern fund to pay the travelling expenses of Mr. Key to Shelter Neck in September and October when Mrs. Peterson will again take up the work she has done so efficiently. She is now waiting till the water subsides and conditions are more healthful.

In response to a suggestion in a recent number of the *Unitarian* on "What shall Unitarians do in summer?" a report comes from a summer resort on the coast of Maine where Sunday services were regularly conducted chiefly by Alliance women. A sermon was read, hymns sung and the other customary parts of the service well carried out with an audience of fifteen or more. On one Sunday a Baptist minister from a near by camp assisted in the service. There was unanimous testimony to the pleasure derived from so spending a Sunday hour.

Another item of interest in the same play, on the shore of their own little island. A short service was read, and two or three familiar hymns sung. It was not long before friends from the adjacent islands joined them, coming and remaining in their boats during the service. These unique services have continued to be held each summer, and the congregation, only twelve or fifteen at the beginning, has increased to one hundred and even to one hundred and fifty people, some coming for many miles, and as at first, all remaining in their boats. When a clergyman is visiting in the neighborhood he is invited to officiate, and in order that he may be heard by all, conducts the service from a boat in the centre of the throng."

Alliance members will remember that the British League of Unitarian Women was organized last May with Essex Hall, London as headquarters. The following letter will be of interest.

LONDON, Sept. 4, 1908.

Dear Mrs. Fifield,

Many thanks for your kind and encouraging letter. Also for the little leaflet enclosed and for the manual you are so kindly and promptly sending us. Both will be very helpful to us. It is no easy work starting such an organization among our English Unitarians! There is a good deal of conservatism and not a little prejudice to overcome. But we have very good hopes. In many quarters there is much enthusiasm and interest. I am to go to a number of Unitarian centres this autumn to speak about the League as we are calling it here and to help in the for-

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help, and should encourage all who see it to try to follow such a fine example.

Again thanking you
Believe me
Very truly yours,
HELEN BROOKE HERFORD.

Extracts from a letter from Hudson, Wisconsin show an opportunity for branches to write encouraging letters if nothing more substantial is needed." . . . "I joined the Unitarian Ladies' Society when we first came here from Norway sixteen years ago. It has only been a struggle ever since but a hopeful struggle all the same because each and every one was hopeful, willing and enthusiastic. Now when we owe only a couple of hundred dollars on a splendid big church building to come to a standstill seems discouraging." The last sermon was given by Mr. Boynton on Dec. 8th, "not even a social, a ladies' meeting or anything since. Our Sunday school has not been active for about four years. All the children grew up and there were no sermons to draw grown-ups."

Now through the encouragement of Mrs. Davis the six or eight members of the Hudson Alliance are making a new effort and will at least meet together and perhaps have a fair. Let us all wish them success!

"The members of the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian Church Jacksonville Florida, would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to all of the branches who so splendidly responded to our call for financial aid last year. The nine hundred dollar fund is now complete. We had accumulated one hundred dollars to add to this and felt very proud to be able to [illegible] its own, as yet we have no church building, or permanent minister. The outlook is quite encouraging but we do not expect to become very strong until we are established in a little church of our own. We received a donation of twenty-five dollars recently from the Arlington Street Church for which we felt very grateful. It came at a time when we were endeavoring to raise a debt of ninety-six dollars so now we have but fifteen owing and that amount we hope to cancel by holding a food sale. Our Circle is comprised of a few brave women. Were it not for such kindred spirits we could not have held together during such a crisis as we have recently passed through. Please pardon my lengthy epistle, but I felt sure the sisters in Boston would like to hear that one of the baby Circles in the Far West was alive and I may say creeping, but soon expects to walk, and finally run."

From New Orleans comes the good news that the Parish house so much desired is to be built at once. "This will be a modern building on a site purchased by the Alliance on South Rampart Street, near Peters Avenue, back of the First Unitarian Church. Mrs. Lucien E. Lyons, President of the Alliance said yesterday that it is the intention of those at the head of this plan to cause to be built a two-story frame edifice with mastic or stucco facade, and up-to-date in every respect of lighting, heating and ventilation. The first floor will contain a large room for the meetings of the Woman's Branch Alliance and other church activities, a stage for recitals and entertainments, the pastor's study and several rooms for pantry, kitchen, etc. The second floor will be fitted up as a flat or apartment suite, and will have a living room, two [illegible]

such a success that the second floor is already leased for one year, with privilege of renewal; and this before even the foundations for the structure have been laid."

"The Woman's Alliance bought the lot five years ago and paid for it. The American Unitarian Association, of Boston, loaned us $2,500 to be reimbursed in ten years, and we will raise $2,500 by subscriptions in New Orleans, to meet the cost of the building."

On Sept. 9th articles of incorporation were filed with the Recorder of Mortgages and Conveyances for the Woman's Branch Alliance of the First Unitarian Church of New Orleans.

The charter provides that the organization shall devote itself to work of charity and shall undertake the work of maintaining the church.

From these reports it will be seen that the Executive Board keeps closely in touch with all sections of the country and that everything relating to the branches is considered of importance.

The New England Associate Alliance will hold its autumn meeting on Oct. 15th, 1908 at Newport, R.I. in the Channing Memorial church, Rev. William Safford Jones, minister.

The morning session at 11.15 will have the usual opening exercises followed by reports from near by branches and an address on Progress by Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton.

The afternoon session at 2.30 will include a question box and conference.

The train leaving the South Terminal Boston at 8.50 A.M. reaches Newport at

The Milton Tercentenary

Attention has been called by Pres. Samuel Eliot in the *Christian Register* of Sept. 10th to the special significance to Unitarians of the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Milton. The occasion is of deep interest to the world of letters, and also among religious liberals, especially those of the old Pilgrim-Puritan stock who came to Massachusetts, for Milton was a great Puritan teacher and preacher as well as a poet, and with him religion was always foremost. He was, moreover the first Englishman of note to attach himself to the republican form of government. His home was a Puritan home, his friends those who laid the foundation of our own free country. He was with us in heart if not in body. That Milton did not throw in his lot with the Massachusetts settlers, with whom he was in such full sympathy, was but an accident.

The anniversary of Milton's birth which occurs in December is to be fittingly commemorated by Christ's College in Cambridge, England, and by Harvard in America, the English college having put on exhibition its priceless literary relics and pictures. It is suggested that Alliance branches would find pleasure and profit in devoting the December meeting to a consideration of this subject. A delightful and interesting program is within the reach of all, to include biographical sketches, readings from the beautiful paraphrases of the Psalms and other selections, phases of character, religious belief, and finally the claim that Milton might have properly borne the name Unitarian.

Owing to a severe accident to her hus-

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The second regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1908–1909 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Saunderson presided and there were present: Miss Burrage, Miss Floyd, Miss Taylor, Mr. Harwood, Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Sharples, and Mr. Wahlberg.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wahlberg was called upon for a report as to where the $500 Reserve Fund had been transferred; but as no decision had been reached, the matter was passed over until the next Board meeting.

The Pres. announced that the Ex-Pres., Mr. Harold G. Arnold, represented the Board at the Shoals Meetings and the Sec. reported briefly with regard to Young People's Day.

The report of the Treas. was read and accepted: he also reported no action taken with regard to the transference of the Reserve Fund. The bills for the month were approved.

The Pres. read a list of conference dates in the Central States, where it seems well to have representation. Several missionary trips having been made in the past, we ought to systematize things more; so a committee on missionary work seems needful.

VOTED: that a committee on missionary work for the year be appointed to consist of three members, and that the chairman appoint that committee.

lots; and the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Wahlberg, proposed that the price be 10c. singly, $1.00 by the dozen, and $6.00 by the hundred.

VOTED: that the rate per dozen for Jubilate Deo be $5.50.

VOTED: to thank the Shoals speakers on Young People's Day, July 15.

VOTED: to thank the Sec. for her work at the Shoals.

VOTED: that the Sec. be authorised to have more certificates of membership printed.

VOTED: to adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR,
Secretary.

Committees for 1908–1909

The following are the committees for the season, and those desiring information concerning any one of these are requested to address the chairman.

Finance Committee

Chairman . . Mr. A. Albert Wahlberg, Dorchester Centre.
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" O. Arthur McMurdie, Boston.
Miss Mallie J. Floyd, Dorchester.
" Amy E. Taylor, Lexington.

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Chairman . . Mr. Percy A. Atherton, Boston.
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" Edgar S. Wiers, Montclair, N.J.
Mr. Harold G. Arnold, Providence, R.I.

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Chairman . . Rev. F. R. Sturtevant, Dorchester.
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Mr. Herman Peters, Cambridge.

District of Western Mass.

Chairman . . Rev. Earl C. Davis, Pittsfield.
" Alfred Free, Florence.
" George B. Spurr, Petersham.
Miss Mallie J. Floyd, Dorchester.

District of Middle and Southern States

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" John H. Holmes, New York.
Miss Isabelle F. Walter, Charleston, S.C.
Mr. Walter P. Eaton, New York.
" Harvey C. Merrill, Meadville, Pa.
Rev. Richard W. Boynton, Buffalo, N.Y.

District of New England (except Mass.)

Chairman . . Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell, Walpole, N.H.
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" Charles J. Staples, Burlington, Vt.
" Arthur B. Whitney, Saco, Me.
" Henry G. Ives, Andover, N.H.
Mr. Harold G. Arnold, Bridgewater, Mass.

District of Western States

Chairman . . Rev. Albert R. Vail, Champaign-Urbana, Ill.
" Henry W. Foote, Ann Arbor, Mich.
" Charles P. Wellman, Humboldt, Ia.
" Robert E. Ramsay, Davenport, Ia.

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Chairman . . Rev. Sydney B. Snow, Palo Alto, Cal.
" Maxwell Savage, Redlands, Cal.
" John H. Lathrop, Berkeley, Cal.
" Fred Alban Weil, Bellingham, Wash.

Nominating Committee

Chairman . . Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, Newton Centre.
" Palfrey Perkins, Salem.

Life Members

Since last reported in *Word and Work* the following have become Life Members, making the present number 78:

72. Mr. Sanford Bates, Dorchester, Mass.
73. Mr. Henry A. Jenks, Canton, Mass.
74. Mr. Harold G. Arnold, Bridgewater, Mass.
75. Rev. Julian C. Jaynes, West Newton, Mass.
76. Mrs. William Howell Reed, Belmont, Mass.
77. Rev. Frederick L. Hosmer, Berkeley, Cal.
78. Mrs. Mary B. Lewis, Framingham, Mass.

The Shoals Meetings

The day of especial importance to the young people attending the Shoals Meetings was Wednesday, July 15, when a creditable number was present. The chapel service was conducted by Rev. Paul S. Phalen of Hingham, while at the later morning session Rev. George Hale Reed of Belmont spoke on "The Side of Religion Nearest to Youth," and Mr. Harold G. Arnold, our other representative, took as his subject, "How the Young People's Religious Union is Supplying the Needs of our Young People." Mr. Reed led the sunset service while Rev. John Haynes Holmes delivered the evening address on "Edmund Gosse's 'Father and Son.'" At noon some 40 delegates attended the meeting in the stone meeting-house, where reports were in order and a general interchange of thought took place. The National Union was represented by the secretary, three directors, two ex-presidents, and four former directors.

The New Pamphlet

The little pamphlet of services and songs, used at the Annual Meeting, is a

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A Southern Missionary Trip

The chronicle of a missionary of the Young People's Religious Union is not wholly unlike that of the apostle of old, "in labors more abundant, in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in weariness," and yet he must needs glory in the open sesame his credentials commend, the respectful and even eager hearing his word receives, the long talks with devoted workers, the glad welcome he receives in the isolated fields, the signs of growing interest in our work.

This Southern trip meant eight speeches in seven days in six states. Its first stopping point was Wilmington, Del., where I found that Unity Helpers' Guild was of the past; but a new Unity Club, which included the older young people, was in the first flush of vigorous life. They represent the organization of the younger life of the church, and it may be that they can be persuaded to unite with the Young People's Religious Union.

At Baltimore there exists a Parish Club of eighteen or nineteen members which meets weekly, each week of the month being devoted to a different kind of meeting, one social, one to a talk on Unitarianism by the minister, etc. They should ally themselves with us. Mr. Hussey is in close touch with his young people, believes in our work, and speaks confidently of a younger group in the church which will soon be at an age for a young people's society.

The Washington society is an active, experienced, and capable one. Its problem, still unsolved, is to enlist the younger and I spent delightful hours at Richmond and its little, new, well-equipped church. It is too new and small a movement to have need yet of a distinct organization for its few young people. There was a goodly number of all ages out in the evening to hear our word. The parsonage to which we are asked to contribute seems to be a good investment, and will help to establish our movement in an ultra-conservative city where for years to come it must face a difficult struggle.

The two Richmond delegates to the Southern Conference and I hurried from our meeting to an evening train, and for almost twenty hours journeyed among the pines and sands and sprouting cotton of the Carolinas and Georgia, through a land of mules and pickaninnies on to our main objective, the Southern Conference at Atlanta. For his training in the appreciation of his own faith every Northern Unitarian should attend such a gathering. The programme had no unusual features, but for the pure fraternity of just an ordinary little gathering two had journeyed from Richmond, one from Jacksonville, four had travelled twelve hours by rail from Charleston, ten and more had come over a hundred miles from Chattanooga, five the long distance from New Orleans, and five had come over a thousand miles from Dallas. And from the north Mrs. Davis, Mr. Pierce, and I went to represent the National Alliance, the American Unitarian Association, and the Young People's Religious Union. The joy and courage of the isolated workers was contagious and most inspiring.

Your representative spoke at the opening session upon "The Origin of the Inter-

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ized and affiliated work among their young people. But most of the churches are young, and some are not yet self-supporting, and numbers are small, so the day has not come for our work in all the fields yet. This hearing was for us the driving of the entering wedge, the proclamation of the message, "Prepare ye the way."

At Atlanta the great magnolias were in bloom, and in Charleston we found the oleanders a riot of color. The cardinals, regal in plumage and song, were the commonest birds. A rare and abiding charm lingers over the quaint old city, once so belligerent, but now so full of peace and beauty, serene and stately. The Alva Gage Guild of the fine old church is a worthy representative of our work. It maintains a free library of over 2000 volumes which, as the City Library is not free, is of wide usefulness. It enlists some young people of other churches, and Mr. Gray testified at Atlanta that it was the most useful phase of his work. Miss Walter, our Young People's Religious Union vice-president, was hospitality itself. She is a devoted worker and invaluable to our cause.

And when, my journeyings over, I returned home and spoke upon my trip to our recently organized Young People's Society in Montclair, they voted to join the National Union. I have spoken now for the Union in thirteen states, the District of Columbia, and the province of Ontario. I believe it is coming more and more to be taken as a matter of course. Its years of apprenticeship are over. It is no longer on probation. As more and more spoken for the Union or been trained in them or have them in their churches go into new fields, our friends command more and more territory. If they do not organize their young people, it is because the local conditions are not ripe. The only indifferent ones I find are those who have never known a young people's society of their own and such ministers grow fewer and fewer.

EDGAR SWAN WIERS.

Points and Lines

The Young People's Society of Monclair, N.J., Miss Eva M. Rose, 289 Claremont Ave., *Sec.*, and the Samuel R. Calthrop League of Syracuse, N.Y., Miss Christina M. Lennan, 716 So. Crouse Ave., *Sec.*, are the latest additions to the National Organization.

Since the last Word and Work went to press, the treasurer has sent to Proctor Academy $114.75, the amount contributed to the National Union treasury for this purpose. $29 were sent direct to the treasurer of the Academy for the work, making the total sum donated by the unions, $143.75.

Attention is called to the fact that the price of Jubilate Deo per dozen has been reduced from $6.00 to $5.50. Single copies *with* services, 50 cents; *without* services, 40 cents.

The address of our ex-president, Mr. Harold G. Arnold, is Bridgewater, Mass., where he has accepted the pastorate of the First Congregational Society, and where his many friends wish him every

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. Frederic Kent has resigned at Northampton, Mass. Rev. A. F. Bailey has resigned at Barre, Mass. Rev. S. R. Maxwell has resigned at Walpole, N.H., to accept a call to Greenfield, Mass. Rev. Miss Gertrude von Petzold, late pastor of the Free Church at Leicester, England, will fill a three months' engagement at Streator, Ill., beginning December 6. Rev. Ward R. Clarke has resigned at Dover, N.H., to accept a call to Oklahoma City, Okla. Rev. F. W. Pratt of Hopedale, Mass., has been appointed Field Secretary for Canada, and enters upon his duties November 1. Rev. Vernon M. Cady is to be ordained as minister of the church in Alton, Ill., on November 5.

The Secretary's Western Trip. Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, Secretary of the American Unitarian Association, will leave Boston on November 5 there he will go to Louisville, Ky., for the evening of the 10th, and on to St. Louis and St. Joseph, Mo., Lincoln, Neb., and Denver. After visiting the Colorado churches he will visit Wichita and our new church at Oklahoma City, where the newly elected pastor, Rev. Ward Clarke, will have just arrived. Among the churches which he will visit after leaving Oklahoma are Dallas, New Orleans, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Wilmington, N.C., Richmond, and others on the way North, where he expects to arrive about December 15.

Publicity Department. Various enterprises are being inaugurated by the Secretary of the Publicity Department, to make known the Unitarian gospel to the wider circle. The circumstances of the present political campaign are arousing unusual interest in the Unitarian faith, and inquiries are coming in from every hand. Every measure is being taken to utilize this opportunity to the

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The first number of the Unitarian Calendar has been issued, and has met with universal favor. Twenty-six churches have already adopted it, namely: Cleveland, Washington, Elizabeth, N.J., Ann Arbor, Mich., Erie, Pa., Flatbush, Brooklyn, N.Y., Richmond, Va., Indianapolis, Ind., Duluth, Minn., St. Louis, Mo., Germantown, Pa., Syracuse, N.Y., Albany, N.Y., Lancaster, Pa., Philadelphia, Pa., Orange, N.J., and Third Society, Cambridge, Littleton, Melrose, Newton, Middleboro, Brighton, Winchester, Second Church, Salem, Waltham, and Springfield, Mass.

The Calendar has evidently filled a real need, and is doing, as the ministers of the churches mentioned have expressed in words of praise and appreciation, an excellent work in keeping the church in touch with its members and also in helping it to reach out to the larger audience outside.

A new "Local Publicity" plan is being arranged, and will be ready early in November. An attractive booklet of sixteen pages and cover is being published, clearly stating the aims and principles and message of the Unitarian church, and having on its last page an invitation from the local church to all who are interested. These will be supplied free by the department to the churches that will mail them in large numbers to local addresses. The plan is to enable a minister to set forth in this way before the community the facts concerning his church and the attractiveness of its free fellowship and its fine faith.

Department of Social and Public Service.

The aim of this department is to be of all possible service to the churches in a letter was sent to the settled ministers, asking for information about any work of this kind that is being carried on by their churches. Already at this early date, when *Word and Work* goes to press, a sufficient number of replies have been received to show that our churches are bearing a noble part in the work of social uplift. Some parishes are carrying on a large institutional work: others are doing nothing directly, but, through individual members, are in touch with the philanthropic societies and institutions in their own vicinity. In one way or another our Unitarian churches seem generally to be making their influence felt for good in all movements for social betterment.

There are some instances, however, where it would seem that they might come into closer touch with them, with the probable result of enlisting the active interest of a much larger number of people. The ideal church is one in which every able-bodied member is engaged in some kind of social service. The church is not an end in itself: it is the means—or one of the means—by which society is to be transformed into the kingdom of God. In the church are to be found the spiritual power and enthusiasm which should send its members out into the world to work for the good of their fellows,—for the relief of wretchedness and suffering, the downfall of wrong and injustice, and for whatever makes the community a better place to live in,—and, if the church does not serve this purpose, it might as well close its doors. A report has come to hand, showing how one church which realized its duty in this matter succeeded in interesting a large number of its members in just these things, and perhaps an account of it may be found helpful.

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societies are thus represented in the League, each group constituting a committee on the institution it represents, and having its own chairman. Once a month a meeting is held, at which each chairman reports concerning the society he represents, and tells something of its work and its needs. Members of the League bring their friends to these meetings with the view of awakening their interest in some kind of work. At regular intervals there is a public meeting, with an address on some live social topic, and a special effort is made to get a good audience. The effect of this organization has been to bring the church into much closer relations with the philanthropic work of the town; new people are constantly being brought into active service, and the institutions have learned that they have an interested and sympathetic friend in the church. And all this has been done without in any way lessening or lowering the distinctly spiritual work of the church; on the contrary, it has rather deepened and intensified it. The machinery of the League is very simple and effective; it is adapted to any church in a large town or city, and some one may think it is worth while to give the plan a trial. There is no patent on the name, and the whole scheme is at the service of any one who wishes to use it.

The International Council. The German Committees are already at work to prepare for the next International Congress, which will take place in Berlin in the last week in July, 1910. Quite an elaborate programme is outlined, including a welcome at Bremen, a week of meetings in Berlin, another week spent in participating in the imposing celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the University of Berlin, and a visit to the Wartburg. A fine banquet at Cologne will close the Congress. A large attendance from America is desired.

The Secretary of the International Council has been charged with the preparation of a work which is to be published, under the auspices of the Council, next spring. It will consist of a survey of the history and present state of liberal religious beliefs in the various countries of the world, together with a collection of the creeds, articles of faith, etc., of the respective churches and bodies treated of in the work. The latter is already well in hand and will appear, it is hoped, in both an English and French version.

The Post-office Mission Method. Rev. F. M. Bennett of Lawrence, Kan., has been most successful in extending his influence by postal methods. He states, concerning this work, "I am convinced that we have a method for spreading our gospel which is too little used by our ministers and churches. I refer to the Post-office Mission, and all the ways of the distribution of our printed matter through the mail. By the wise use of our Unitarian literature a minister may quickly enlarge his influence and widen the bounds of his parish. We find from year to year many changes in our congregations. Many who pass on from our congregations go to places where there are no liberal churches. There is no reason why they should not keep in touch with their home church or with the nearest Unitarian organization. This may be done by placing their names on the list of Post-office Mission correspondents. I have found that such absent members appreciate being thus remembered, and that they keep up their interest and support of the home church. Especially

church has received applications for membership from persons who have never seen it nor heard a sermon preached by a Unitarian minister.

With the message which we have we really have no excuse for not delivering it. In this day a church of ours that does not reach out beyond its immediate borders has failed of its social and religious work. In trying to do this we should not despise the epistle. It did effective work in the early years of the Christian Church. It can do a better work in the present time. It will go farther and reach more people. It is our most effective missionary weapon."

The experience of Mr. Bennett should reveal to every Unitarian minister the possibility and the privilege of the wider work that may be done through the Post-office. Our greatest need to-day is to unite all Unitarian liberals in a common fellowship, each conscious of his being an essential part in the movement. And in the matter of "sticking together" we shall find the mucilage on a two-cent stamp wonderfully effective.

New England Field Notes.

New London: This little church has become a hive of activity under the energetic leadership of its devoted minister, Rev. Howard C. Ives. The recently purchased parish house has been so adapted that it can be used comfortably for public worship as well as for all other church activities.

The plans for a dignified church edifice are drawn, and work will go forward on the building as soon as the balance of money necessary for its completion can be secured.

weighing down this struggling society. Any help which may be given at this time will be highly appreciated, and it will assist in securing the gains already made in Derby.

Westerly, R.I.: This preaching station has had for two years the services of Rev. H. C. Ives of New London for an evening service. Now that Mr. Ives must relinquish the work because of a pressure of duties in his home church, Rev. A. G. Singsen of Providence will take up the service and carry it on. A brave little band of Unitarians in this beautiful community are held together and receive cheer and comfort by this effort.

Hyde Park: During the month of September the Hyde Park Society, which is somewhat discouraged and disheartened, had the services of the Association's Field Secretary for New England.

The congregation was gathered and the Sunday-school organized. The Alliance has already held a most successful first meeting for the season. Mr. J. A. C. Auer, a recent graduate of Meadville, who has been studying in Germany on the Cruft fellowship, and now returns to settle as minister, has for the month of October taken up the work left by Mr. Brown. The people of Hyde Park are already anxious to settle Mr. Auer, and it is hoped that the matter may be arranged.

Brighton: The Field Secretary is now serving the church in Brighton, where the congregation has become discouraged because of the heavy burden of debt upon its church property.

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Rev. Joseph A. Puffer of Needham, Mass., is arranging a special series of six

early in November. She will preach in New England pulpits during the month, and on December 6 will begin a three months' engagement with the church in Streator, Ill. Miss Petzold will be remembered as one of the speakers at the International Council in Boston a year ago.

Through the co-operation of the American Unitarian Association the National Alliance is making arrangements for extending its work in the vicinity of Wilmington, N.C. It is fortunate that the services of Rev. W. S. Key have been secured for this new field, which includes Middle Sound, Bolton, Lake Waccamaw, Artesia, and Whiteville, beside Wilmington, the chief city in the State. Mr. Key is well known throughout this section and has had charge of the Unitarian Church at Shelter Neck during the past summer. His presence there at the time of the flood and since that time has been of the greatest value to the whole community.

The Tuckerman School opened its year's work with its regular class courses and four lectures as follows: Rev. Christopher R. Eliot on "Joseph Tuckerman and his Work"; Rev. Alfred Manchester, on "Development of the Sunday-school"; Rev. Elmer S. Forbes, on "Modern Philanthropy and Social Service"; and Mr. Parker B. Field, on "The Children's Mission." There is every promise of the School having a successful year, and of adding greatly to the possible efficiency of our churches.

Rev. C. A. Henderson of Wilmington, Del., is succeeding in using the press in the

An enterprise of unique interest is about to be inaugurated in the town of Rockland, Mass. A Baptist gentleman has given money for the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association, on condition that it be under the control of a committee composed of two members from each of the churches in town, including the Unitarian and Roman Catholic. This is a significant sign of the growing liberalism of the time. The arrangement shows also the influence of our Unitarian minister and church in the town.

On account of the interest aroused in Unitarianism by the political situation, Rev. J. T. Sunderland is preaching a series of sermons on the Unitarian faith, taking as his topics, "The Fundamental Condition of all Noble Religion," "The Unitarian Thought of God, Man, the Bible, Jesus, Salvation, Heaven and Hell." Large congregations are attending, and results are apparent.

Extensive alterations and improvements have been made during the summer in the churches at Reading, Mass., North Andover, Mass., and Revere, Mass.

The eightieth anniversary of the birthday of Rev. C. G. Ames was celebrated by a host of friends in the Unitarian Building, Boston, on October 3.

Rev. George C. Wright, of the Ministry-at-Large, of Lowell, Mass., had a twenty-second anniversary celebration in his church on October 18. The church was beautifully decorated and was full of

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By this time every branch will have received its copies of the Manual for 1908. It will repay careful examination and comparison with the records of preceding years. The book itself has been somewhat improved, made more concise and compact and its contents more readily consulted. As a directory, the information though condensed is sufficiently full and each branch will be able to know exactly what every other branch is doing. The report of the corresponding secretary is as usual enthusiastic and encouraging. The Alliance has grown along all lines; the figures show more branches, more money raised and best of all more members, for it is upon an increase in membership that the Alliance must largely depend for future growth.

The little cloud that dampens the general satisfaction is the loss of branches, so many having dropped out. Many reasons are given for this. Sometimes the church society was old, no longer in the centre of population, its members reduced to the vanishing point by death or removal, sometimes the society was new and small and too weak to hold together. In either case it counts as a loss, for the policy of the Alliance is never to abandon an enterprise ever undertaken unless it is impossible to continue it.

Officers of branches are often more versed to their successors all the necessary information which they have acquired from experience. The directors stand ready to advise, suggest and help whenever needed.

The meeting of the Executive Board on October 9th was well attended, twenty-two being present from New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. As no reports were expected from branches the session was devoted to the consideration of the general work. No new appeal is yet ready for presentation, but the usual amounts will be required for Green Harbor, Mass. and the two Theological schools. The society at Green Harbor has been more than usually successful financially this year, but has been obliged to put in a new ceiling and make some other necessary repairs on the chapel and will need all the surplus.

From the Meadville Theological School it is learned that two most meritorious students may be retained in the school if the Alliance can afford some assistance. Both of these men give promise of being efficient ministers if they can be helped to complete the course.

"The Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry has opened its new term with the most encouraging outlook of any year thus far. Four new students have entered the

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plant its roots upon its permanent site; will have its library where the danger of its being destroyed by fire will be greatly reduced; and it will be able to derive a substantial income from the rent of the building which it now occupies. This move, although it marks progress, is not, however, to be considered as an abandonment of the plans published last year for durable and handsome buildings. Efforts will still be made for the realization of that plan at as early a date as possible." The executive board recommend that $250 be appropriated to each of these schools.

For the Study Class committee it was stated that the demand for the Leaflet on Hymns and Hymn Writers had exhausted the edition and a new issue would be made at an early day. Many afternoons may be profitably and pleasantly spent by an Alliance branch with these hymns and the lives of the writers.

Work in all the Southern circuits is going on regularly and good attendance is reported from all points with no lessening of interest.

The conditions from the flood in the Shelter Neck district are still distressing and must continue so for most of the ensuing year, but help is being sent them and administered as wisely as possible. Mr. Key's presence there at this time has been of the greatest assistance to the sufferers not only in making their situation known to the outside world but in cheering, advising and helping them to clear up around their houses and start afresh. The possibility of using his services in opening up new fields has been before the Conference and Southern Committees and the American Unitarian Association has appropriated for the purpose by the Alliance. Mrs. Peterson who left Boston for Shelter Neck on October 12th will be a most welcome coadjutor.

Letters from the corresponding secretary give most hopeful accounts of Mr. Davis whose complete recovery is anticipated. Mrs. Davis expects to be able to meet all engagements for November and later, and after all disappointments are over it may be found that the enforced change of occupation was the best kind of rest for the hard working secretary.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on Friday, November 13th, 1908.

The movement for a Junior Alliance to interest the younger girls is not altogether new in the Alliance, and happily it is spreading. Already in Detroit, Michigan; Rutherford, New Jersey; Needham, Massachusetts and elsewhere such groups of girls have come together generally meeting by themselves but helpful to the church in many directions and ready to become full Alliance members when conditions allow. The names of the officers of such branches should henceforth be included in the Manual that literature may be sent and recognition given. We are happy to present a report of a well organized Junior Alliance which has a printed programme showing the winter's study to be "Bible Lands" conducted by the members themselves.

Junior Alliance of Quincy, Mass.

Having entered upon our second year, we feel that the Junior Alliance of Quincy, is an established fact.

articles thus made to the Alliance Basket of the Quincy Branch. We had thirty members last year, and confidently expect more this year.

One of our aims being "to devise ways and means for more efficient usefulness" we help in such ways as we can in the church and Sunday School. Eleven of our members are teachers in the Sunday School.

At the invitation of the Parish committee we undertook the care and expense of the flowers for the church. Two members serve each month on this "Altar Committee" and after the services dispose of the flowers to the sick and aged of the parish. We have been greatly assisted in this part of our work by different persons who have chosen a Sunday as a Memorial Day to some departed friend, and given us a sum of money to supply the flowers on the Sunday thus chosen.

Last year we raised the money for our treasury by a food-sale, and a May-Party for children. At the church fair in November, a table has been assigned to the Junior Alliance, entirely under our own management, with half the proceeds for our treasury.

Some of our members have agreed to assist in the Cheerful Letter Work, and one member has taken a corresponding Student. We give annually one third of our membership fees to the Quincy Branch to associate ourselves with that society.

Our members are all school-girls, young teachers, or clerks; therefore we have our meetings in the evening.

Any further questions regarding our work will be cheerfully answered by Mary E. Harris, Sec'y, 26 Edwards St., Quincy, Mass.

It was a very timely suggestion from Rev. Mr. Foote in a recent number of them without delay. In this way the students will be welcomed to their new church and not be inclined to slip away to other perhaps more popular churches. The National Alliance is making an effort for further acquaintance with college girls from Unitarian homes, hoping to induce them to preserve an interest in their own form of faith and to remain loyal to its traditions. Alliance branches may do much to help in this matter by looking after their young people when away at school or college, sending them letters and literature and keeping them in touch with their own denomination. The Young People's Religious Union is attempting the same work, especially among young men and women in places where there is no Unitarian church. A committee from the Alliance has this subject in hand and any suggestions may be sent to the Chairman Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, 82 Ruthven St. Roxbury Mass.

The remark that "there is no need of a Unitarian Church, for all churches are 'liberal' now" is not quite as often heard as formerly. Since the nomination of Mr. Taft and the discovery that being a Unitarian may endanger his election the Alliance believes more and more in a vigorous Post Office Mission crusade. The Springfield Republican says: "Evidently, in this section of the country, we are unable to appreciate what Unitarianism means to certain people in the West and South." In another paper we read: "We need not go far in the East, nor very far to the Southward to realize that a Unitarian, even in large and presumably intelligent communities, is alien to their ways of thought to a degree that is to him at least annoying. A Bostonian who had allied himself with a large business enterprise in New Brunswick, and was himself a Uni-

to be found in the sermon of Rev. J. Franklin Bryan at Federalsburg, Md., who has just preached from the text: 'They saw no man save Jesus only,' making the point that 'we should see no man but Jesus in political matters.' In two months the people of this country, he told his congregation, will have an opportunity to vote for or against Jesus Christ, the Divine Saviour."

Perhaps we might do more with the Van Mission which was once tried to some extent in the west and which has been such an important feature in English religious life this summer. Unitarianism is not more popular there than in some localities on this side of the ocean, but the preachers from the travelling vans have had good audiences and generally have been gladly listened to, although in some places the local ministers have protested against the meetings. The August report shows a long list of meetings reaching about 70,000 hearers.

Word has just been received from the village of Dunbarton, New Hampshire, of the loss by fire of the town library with its contents, 1,100 volumes, and no insurance. The Cheerful Letter Exchange has promised to do all it can toward helping to gather together another library for this unfortunate community. Will any one willing to contribute books for this purpose please send to the Headquarters of the Cheerful Letter Exchange, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

The branch at Warwick, Massachusetts will assist in a Fair to be held for the benefit of the church on November 13th. Contributions will be gratefully received by the secretary Miss Annie M. Stevens.

The Unitarian Society at Champaign, is an important post, has had a hard struggle but feels hopeful of a permanent future if once it can be free from a heavy debt. To pay off this debt they have adopted the so-called Calendar Scheme which is reported to have been successful in one or two places. The plan is presented to Alliance members and to all friends who wish well to the church in Derby but was not sent as an appeal to the executive board of the National Alliance and therefore was not considered by the committee on Appeals. It is always safe to respond to any appeal recommended by the executive board, but this is an irregular appeal like the chain letter or the mile of pennies and the board expresses no opinion but leaves the matter to the individuals addressed.

The president coming from New York each month for the board meeting often takes this time for visiting branches in New England. October was a busy month for in ten days she attended meetings in Portland and Augusta, Maine; Providence, Rhode Island, and Arlington and West Roxbury, Massachusetts. The resources of the Alliance are not yet sufficient to allow of much general travelling about, but as members and membership fees increase the officers will be better enabled to make the close acquaintance of the branches by personal visits.

Neighborhood meetings have also begun again, a large and profitable one being reported as held at Franklin, N.H. with guests from branches in Manchester, Concord, Andover and Charlestown and stirring addresses from the minister and from the National Treasurer.

The autumn meeting of the New England Association Alliance, held at the

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in welcoming the delegates paid a high tribute to the work of the Alliance and spoke of its inestimable value to the denomination. Several of the branches brought forward new ideas which had proved of interest and advantage, among others the public Bible lectures conducted by the New Bedford branch, the historical book published by the Taunton branch, of which 800 copies were sold, the success of the Paragraph Pulpit in one of the Rhode Island daily papers, and the remarkable Post Office Mission work of one of the Providence churches. Of special gratification was the report from two large branches that the older Sewing Societies had become merged with the Alliance with the happiest possible results. The report for Attleboro, Mass. where a church has been upheld under the most adverse conditions was inspiring and helpful to all workers under similar circumstances. The central address was by Mrs. Atherton, vice president of the National Alliance.

Whenever practicable branches should send delegates to Conferences, union and neighborhood meetings. It is a wise expenditure of money to pay the travelling expenses of such delegates when it is necessary to do so. The delegate should be qualified to speak for her branch when called upon to do so, and should take back to her own branch a full report of all that she has seen and heard. These are opportunities which should not be neglected.

One of our large city branches has lately passed the following vote, that in view of the fact that this is a religious body in a club and preclude the distribution of Alliance money to miscellaneous objects.

It is once more suggested that old copies of the *Christian Register* can be made useful to the Post Office Mission if the sermons and poems are cut out and put into separate envelopes. Some of the stories would doubtless be acceptable.

A few changed addresses are given and secretaries are requested to correct them in the Manual that all mail matter may be properly addressed. The address of Mrs. Kenney, director for New York is 6 Larch Ave. Troy, N.Y. and Mrs. Boynton's is 83 Ashland Ave. Buffalo, N.Y. The president of the branch in West Roxbury, Mass. is Mrs. C. M. Larrabee, 56 Lorraine St. Roslindale, Mass.

The branch at Belfast, Maine two years ago voted to give up its original name and be known as the Belfast Alliance, First Parish Church, Unitarian. The correction was made in Word and Work, but the old name appears once more in the recent Manual. Hereafter, it shall be the *Belfast Alliance.*

The news has come that at Liverpool, England a branch of the British League of Unitarian Women has been formed with the wife of the minister at Hope St. Church, Mrs. Roberts as secretary. The organization was completed on October 3d at a Garden Party to which four hundred invitations were sent out. The name of the branch is the Liverpool and District League of Unitarian and other Liberal Christian Women. The aims as expressed in the president's address follow closely those of our own National Alliance.

And lastly the President's Message or Circular Letter just issued merits careful

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The third regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1908–1909 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Saunderson presided and there were present: Miss Burrage, Miss Floyd, Miss Taylor, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Wahlberg, and the Sec.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred until later. The Pres. read a letter from Miss Elizabeth Loring, resigning as Chairman of the Union-at-Large Committee.

Voted: that we accept with regret Miss Loring's resignation and that we express our appreciation of the excellent work she has done.

Voted: that Miss Marguerite Fellows be appointed Chairman of the Union-at-Large, with power to appoint her own committee.

In the absence of the Treas., the Pres. read the monthly statement.

Voted: to accept this report.

The minutes of the last meeting being read at this point, it was

Voted: to approve the Sec. minutes.

The Committee on transferring the Reserve Fund reported that the money in the Reserve Fund will be put in the Franklin Savings Bank before Nov. 1.

The Committee on Word and Work reported that it had been decided to continue Word and Work as it has been in the past.

Communications having been sent to the committee, read a draft of a letter that is to be sent out to the various unions: and it was

Voted: that the Finance Committee be authorised to issue a suitable appeal for funds.

Voted: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

Pilgrim Federation

The Pilgrim Federation of the Unitarian Young People held its regular meeting in Eastondale, Mass., on Friday evening, Sept. 18, 1908.

The meeting was formally opened with the singing of a hymn, after which Mrs. Blackwell of Eastondale gave the address of welcome, Mr. Harold Lyon, the president, responding in behalf of the Federation.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were then read and accepted, and the reports of the different unions, composing the Federation,—Brockton, Cohasset, Eastondale, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, North Easton, Randolph, Rockland, Taunton, and Whitman,—were also given.

The subject of another Federation play was again brought up and

Voted: to give another play.

A committee of three, chosen by the chair, was selected to make arrangements for this play.

After the usual collection, Mr. Lyon introduced Rev. Joel H. Metcalf of Taunton, who spoke on "Civilization and Religion."

The devotional meeting closed with the

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North Middlesex Federation

Whether we are abundantly conscious of the richness of life, as in these golden days, or are over-wrought, and the "hurdy-gurdy within our brains" keeps playing its absurd little tunes at us, it is well to keep in touch with the swing of the pendulum in church movement, spring and fall, and to attend its meetings. Those who were present at Tyngsborough, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 3, appeared to be glad that they had come.

In greeting our guests Miss Helen Hoagland, vice-president of our guild, welcomed them to our town, our hills and our river, our church, our sunshine, and our hearts.

Rev. Frederick R. Griffin of Braintree gave an address upon "Church Etiquette," in which he insisted that any service that is worth attending at all is worth attending in the best possible manner. In the meeting-house we should seek an atmosphere of order and of harmony, avoiding everything which is disquieting, or which would distract the attention. Other points that he mentioned were hospitality, which should be courteous and democratic but not effusive, punctuality, manners, and preserving the sacred associations of the church buildings.

Rev. L. L. Greene of Chelmsford spoke upon "Personality in Church Work." In this age of machinery personality is in danger of going out of fashion. Machinery has vastly multiplied man's personal power; however, it is designed not to render the individual unnecessary, but to furnish opportunity. Better have no machinery, no organization, and call upon every individual, than to depend upon the organization alone.

Report of the Policy Committee

As requests are frequently coming in for a copy of this report and there has been no previous opportunity of printing it in these pages, it seems wise to offer it now. All of these recommendations, with the exception of the fourth, were adopted at the Annual Meeting, it may be remembered.

The Policy Committee respectfully submits the following recommendations for the coming year:

First: With regard to the missionary work the Policy Committee decided to depart a little from the usual procedure of supporting one project and recommends four opportunities for assisting in Unitarian work:

a. Bellingham, Washington, where the Rev. Fred Alban Weil, one of our Vice-Presidents, is making an earnest effort to establish a Unitarian Church;

b. Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, a growing college town where the Rev. Albert R. Vail, one of our former Vice-Presidents, is raising a fund for the building of a Unitarian Church;

c. Proctor Academy, Andover, New Hampshire, where the Rev. Henry G. Ives is endeavoring to forward the work of this moderate-priced, distinctly Unitarian School;

d. Richmond, Virginia, where the Rev. John L. Robinson and the members of his new church are endeavoring to pay for a recently purchased parsonage.

As to the amount to be contributed to any of these projects no recommendations are made and no pledges suggested by this Committee. It does however urge each Union to contribute to one or more of these worthy objects generously and promptly.

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Third: This Committee recommends to the Unions for their serious consideration the question of the advisability of the National Union's maintaining in the near future a permanent Field Secretary, a young man who shall devote his entire time to the executive work, to travelling among the different Unions, and to raising funds for the work of the National Union; in other words, placing the Forward Movement work on a broader and more permanent basis. The Committee feels that it is inadvisable to attempt this in the coming year but does desire at this time to place the matter before the Unions, in order that due consideration of the project may be had and possibly plans develop for carrying out this idea in the year 1909.

This Committee further recommends

Fourth: That the Unions consider the establishing in some suitable locality a definite philanthropic work which shall be ultimately the permanent missionary object of the National Union.

Fifth: That each Union shall make a special endeavor to add one or more Associate Life Members to the National Union in the coming year.

Sixth: That it is inadvisable for the National Union to publish a calendar for the year 1909.

Seventh: That each Union send to the National Secretary in September of each year a list of absent members who might be reached by the Union-at-Large.

Secretary Changes

These changes in secretaries are noted since the Annual Report:—

Iowa City, Iowa. (s) Miss Crace Titus.

Life Members

One Life Member is reported this month:

79. Miss Anna Jaquith, Billerica, Mass.

Union-at-Large

The work of the Union-at-Large Committee has already begun and the monthly tracts with Word and Work will be sent as usual to all names on the list. It may be remembered that the following recommendation of the Policy Committee was unanimously adopted at the Annual Meeting in May: that each Union send to the National Secretary in September of each year a list of absent members who might be reached by the Union-at-Large. Secretaries of unions are urged to take note of this and attend to the matter *at once.*

The membership fee is the nominal one of ten cents; but any further contributions from members or friends will be gratefully received.

Miss Elizabeth Loring, who has served so acceptably as chairman for the past two years, has found it imperative to sever her connection as head of this committee, and Miss Marguerite Fellows of Newton Centre, Mass. has consented to take charge. Miss Fellows, having served on the committee, has a knowledge of the work, and on assuming her duties as chairman requests anyone desiring the literature to send his name and address to her at 142 Homer St., Newton Centre, or to address her at Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. In sending, both the home and the college or business address should be included. Any member wishing to withdraw should also notify Miss Fellows.

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Calendars

that no calendar be printed for 1909, which recommendation was adopted at the Annual Meeting.

Finances

The financial problem is the same ever perplexing and grievous one, so it needs to be referred to again and again. Appeals were sent out the middle of last month by the Finance Committee, asking every union to see what it could pledge not only for the support of the National Union but also for the Field Work and the four other objects recommended last May. Presidents are urged to bring this matter to the attention of their unions at the very next business meeting to see what can be done towards raising money for these objects, either by special entertainments or other methods. We need a large increase in the funds for field work.

One of the most encouraging things that has happened in our work is that the American Unitarian Association has appointed our president, Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, as a Billings lecturer; he will go out on a long trip in November and December at the joint expense of the Association and the Union. This action on the part of the Association is a very great help in our work.

A few days ago a lady came into the office and made an anonymous gift of $50 for the work. The action of such friends as these is a very great encouragement.

Points and Lines

The Bedford Guild, after an existence of nearly sixteen years, has been obliged to disband; but it is hoped that the future may show a need for a similar organization and one may be effected.

The Y. P. R. U. of Harvard recently celebrated the anniversary of its organization. The neighboring unions were invited and an enthusiastic meeting is reported, the National Union being represented by the treasurer, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie.

The Littleton Guild of Christian Endeavor has the remarkable record of having held meetings every Sunday evening since its organization in 1887, with the exception of two weeks' vacation during every summer.

The Rockland, Mass. young people have been working to earn sufficient money to purchase for a blind boy a set of tools by which he will be able to become self-supporting.

The National Union was represented by Rev. Henry W. Foote of Ann Arbor, Mich. at the Michigan Conference at Grand Rapids, Oct. 19–21, and by Rev. Charles P. Wellman of Humboldt, Ia. at the Iowa Conference at Des Moines, Oct. 7–9. We were exceedingly glad to have representation at these Conferences for it is in this way that our work becomes better known.

The South Middlesex Federation at its recent meeting voted $50 for the missionary work of the National Organization. Would that other federations felt able to do the same!

Rev. Harold G. Arnold, the former president of the National Union, was ordained Oct. 13, as minister of the First Congregational Society of Bridgewater, Mass., and a goodly company of his young friends attended the ordination and wished him success in his new field of labor.

The dedication of the new church at Urbana, Ill. was held on Sunday, Oct. 18, when Pres. Samuel A. Eliot preached the dedicatory sermon. This is one of the churches that the National Union voted to

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. C. E. Tomlin has received and accepted a call to Gardner, Mass. Rev. Edwin Evans, recently of Meadville, Pa., has been called to Ayer, Mass. Rev. W. Lathrop Meaker has resigned at West Somerville, Mass., to engage in independent work. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh of Lincoln, Neb., is preaching at Colorado Springs, Col., until January. Rev. S. C. Beane, Jr., has resigned at North Andover, Mass., to accept a call to the South Church at Worcester, Mass. Rev. M. R. Kerr has resigned at Sandwich, Mass., to accept a call to Greeley, Col. Rev. H. R. Hubbard has resigned at Green Harbor, Mass., to return to his former parish at Francestown, N.H. The situation of ministerial supply and demand in our churches is just now a very unusual one. Customarily the demand for ministers is loudest from the churches farthest away from the natural sources of supply in the East, but at the present moment every active church in the Middle Southern Western

Missionary Journeys. Rev. Bradford Leavitt of San Francisco has completed his journey as a Billings Lecturer in the Rocky Mountain Department and in the Pacific North-west. He has visited the churches in Salt Lake City and Odgen, Utah; Boisé, Ida.; Butte, Helena, and Great Falls, Mont.; Spokane, Bellingham, and Seattle, Wash. Everywhere he has helped our ministers and people by inspiring words and good counsel. His report indicates vitality and growth in all but two of the parishes visited. Several others have pressing problems to confront, but not beyond solution. Rev. J. A. Cruzan, Field Agent on the Pacific Coast, has recently been in Oregon attending the North Pacific Conference at Hood River and preaching at the installation of Mr. Baker as associate minister at Portland. He has now returned to his post at Eureka, Cal. Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, Field Secretary on the Pacific Coast, will make a visit to the North west part month and part

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H. H. Saunderson, President of the Young People's Religious Union, is at present engaged in a journey as a Billings lecturer in the Central West and Canada. His itinerary takes him to Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Davenport, Iowa City, Des Moines, Humboldt, Keokuk, Bloomington, Urbana, Detroit, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal. His home pulpit will be supplied by the President of the Association and the Secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service. Rev. Thomas Clayton is just now engaged in making his second journey as Billings lecturer in West Virginia. He has arranged for meetings in Charleston, Huntington, Fairmount, and Morgantown, and also in Uniontown, Pa. Secretary Wilson has been away from his office throughout the month of November, visiting the churches in the South-west and South. He will return about December 7. The President of the Association has returned from his journey in the Central West, and has since attended the meetings of the Middle State Conference at Troy. His appointments during December, exclusive of the supply of Mr. Saunderson's pulpit, include engagements at Augusta and Waterville, Me., Attleboro and Weston, Mass., and Concord, N.H.

Ministerial Exchanges. At the Annual Meeting of the Association last May the President made a suggestion of a plan for a systematic method of exchange among ministers. Following this suggestion a resolution was adopted by the meeting, requesting the President to appoint a representative Committee of seven was decided that these exchanges should be limited to ministers who had been at least five years settled in their present parishes, and that the exchanges should be for periods of not less than four Sundays. As far as possible the more isolated ministers were to have the opportunity of exchange. Three exchanges are now arranged for:—

1. Between Dr. C. F. Dole of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Rev. B. A. Goodridge of Santa Barbara, Cal. This will take place in February, and extend for a month.

2. Between Rev. J. E. Wright of Montpelier, Vt., and Rev. William H. Ramsay of Louisville, Ky. This exchange will take place at the same time and for the same period.

3. Between Rev. Newton Mann of Omaha, Neb., and Rev. L. W. Mason of Pittsburg, Pa. This will be later in the year, but for about the same length of time.

Five other exchanges are in the condition of active correspondence and may be expected to be consummated. It is expected that the operation of this plan will refresh both ministers and churches, though the exchanging ministers are expected to do all the work of the local minister, and help in every way possible in the parish activities. The appropriation at the disposal of the Committee enables the Committee to defray the expenses of travel.

Board Meeting. At the November meeting of the Directors of the Association several interesting matters of business were transacted. The final ar-

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rectors also voted to accept the property of the church in Northumberland in trust, whenever the transfer may be deemed expedient and timely by the owners of the property and the Committee appointed in accordance with a vote at the Annual Meeting to consider the possibility of preserving the building as a memorial to Dr. Joseph Priestley. An interesting new departure was a vote authorizing the construction of a portable church. Mr. Homer of the Board of Directors has drawn a plan for such a structure which is attractive and convenient. If the plan works well in practice, it may be the solution of the problem that confronts some of the younger churches unable to build as yet permanent structures, and worshipping at present in unsuitable and inconvenient meeting places. It is proposed that the first of these structures shall be used in the Meadville District where heat and light can be provided by natural gas. This is an experiment which promises good results. Communications were received informing the Board of the sale of the property of the Second Church in San Francisco, and the purpose of the Trustees to turn over the receipts to the Association in trust, to be held for and in behalf of the Society. The money will be available when the Society wishes to purchase a new lot and rebuild, or, in the event of the dissolution of this Society, it will be used for missionary purposes in San Francisco.

The President announced the appointment of twenty representative and distinguished Unitarians as the Advisory Council for the Department of Social and Public Service.

The President was further requested to appoint a special committee to consider ways and means of improving the con-

and for assistance in raising the debt at present burdening the Society at Derby, Conn.

Contributions. The churches that send in their contributions for the national work in the first half of the year have a red letter mark in the minds of the officers of the Association. They are deplorably few in number, so it is not difficult to remember them. Each year a few new recruits to the early givers are won, but each year others fall back, and it cannot be said that there is any net gain in the habit of the churches. Seven months of the financial year have now passed, and hardly more than a score of churches have given attention to this important element of our life and work together.

The contributions indicate that the good level of last year's giving is at least to be sustained. Thus far the changes are insignificant. The majority of the contributors give the same as last year. Adding up the small gains and losses in the gifts of the ten or a dozen churches that show some little divergency, it is discovered that the gains amount to $186 and the losses to $185. It is a pleasure to welcome back to the list of contributing churches two that dropped out last year; namely, Lincoln, Neb., and Luverne, Minn., to applaud the contribution from the little church in Fitzwilliam, N.H., which has not had a minister for many a year, and to greet the first contribution from the new society at Summit, N.J. Northampton, Mass., makes the largest contribution that it has made for many years, going considerably above its former high tide mark in 1903. Braint[illegible] Hingham and Win-

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particularly gratifying, showing what might be done almost anywhere by the adoption of thorough, energetic methods of raising the subscription and the earnest co-operation of minister and people. For years the contribution of the church at Springfield ran from $300 to $500 a year. In 1905, when the present minister went to Springfield, the contribution had fallen as low as $300. He persuaded the parish to adopt the methods of raising the subscription which have long been advocated by the officers of the Association, and the result was that in the next year the contribution was more than doubled, rising to $700. In 1907, the year of the $150,000 subscription, the church surprised itself by raising $1,100. Last year $900 was the record, and this year a round thousand dollars. That is an example which might be imitated by almost any of the churches that are now satisfied with gifts of between $300 and $500. To double such gifts is easily possible when the right methods are used and backed by the earnest word and work of the minister and the church committees.

Publicity Department. The various enterprises projected by the Publicity Department are being most favorably received by the churches and energetically pushed forward. During the month of November a score more churches have been negotiating with the Department, with the aim of using the Unitarian Calendar in their local work. Some of those having fully decided to adopt it are Greenfield, Springfield, Ayer, and Northampton. Mass.. and Madison. definitely subscribing for 200 or more copies, to be sent to individual members of the parish. This month subscription blanks will be sent to many churches, to be distributed to the people and to begin the establishment of the use of the Unitarian Calendar. The churches complying with this requirement will aid greatly in facilitating the work of the Publicity Department.

Steps are being taken to extend the circulation of the Unitarian Calendar as a little magazine of general interest throughout the country. There is a great need of some universal medium of information, whereby the members of the Unitarian churches can be brought into closer touch with each other and into more helpful union with the movement at large. It is hoped that our ministers will co-operate in making this possible. Single subscriptions to the Calendar are 25 cents, with club rate of 20 cents a year for five copies or over.

The work of the Paragraph Pulpit is rapidly increasing as the season advances. In Baltimore, Md., contracts have just been signed with two of the most prominent papers in the city. In Atlanta, Ga., the Publicity Department has just made a quarter-year contract with the Atlanta *Journal*, a paper of large circulation with wide influence in the South. In McKeesport, Pa., members of the struggling little church there have just decided to publish the Paragraph Pulpit in the *Daily News*, for three months, at their own expense. Another three months' publication will be paid for from the publicity fund. Rev. Charles E. St. John has de-

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ity Department during the last year, has just received, in answer to his request for information, a great many replies, testifying to the good done by the Pulpit and expressing the wish that it be continued.

The local publicity booklet, to which reference was made in last month's *Word and Work*, has been printed and copies of it sent to the ministers. Already, a number of churches have decided to carry on a publicity campaign by its use, and it is confidently expected that a very large number of these will be circulated.

During December, a booklet, entitled "Ten Spokes in the Wheel of Progress," will be issued and sent to all the ministers and Alliance secretaries. It shows ten ways in which the Unitarian worker may do useful service in spreading the liberal faith, giving full particulars. It is hoped that this will be helpful in its suggestiveness, and that it will direct into channels of effective usefulness the new missionary interest that is increasingly manifest among us. Copies will be sent on application to Mr. Casson.

Department of Social Service. Mention was made in the last *Word and Work* of a letter of inquiry which had been sent to all the settled ministers, asking for information about any social work which their churches are now carrying on. Many answers have been received, some of them of much interest; but still more than half of those to whom the inquiry was sent have failed to respond. No doubt this is because answering has been laid over until a more convenient time, but it would be of great assistance if the matter could now receive immediate

monthly directory of activities and announcement of coming events. All are of value, and many contain suggestions which are of much more than local interest. This office aims to be a clearing-house for information of this kind, and all who are charged with the duty of mailing or distributing these leaflets and bulletins, or special programs of any kind, are asked to put this Department on their lists. Address the Department of Social and Public Service, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

In the last month the Secretary of the Department, Mr. Forbes, has lectured before the Tuckerman School on the "Institutional Church," has spoken at the Channing Club with special reference to social work among the Italians of Boston, and has addressed the Norfolk Conference, the Ministers' Club, the Unitarian Clubs of Keene, N.H., Fairhaven and Salem, Mass., and Alliances in Braintree and Milton, Mass., on the work of the Department in its different phases.

The Tuckerman School. The Tuckerman School lectures for December will be held as usual in Channing Hall, Thursdays at 10.30. Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham will speak of "The American Unitarian Association and National Conference" on December 3; Miss Emma C. Low, of "The National Alliance," December 10: and Miss Helen L. Bayley will tell of the "Cheerful Letter Work," December 17.

The Saturday lectures at 10.30 are being continued by Miss Sara C. Bullard, who gives a kindergarten program for a month at each lecture.

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adopt articles of incorporation, and the necessary legal steps are being taken to that end. The school will close on Wednesday noon, November 25, for the Thanksgiving recess; and on December 19, for the Christmas vacation, opening again on the 5th of January.

Laymen's League. At the last Annual Meeting of the Association a resolution was passed asking the President to appoint a Committee of three to formulate a plan for the organization of a men's league in our churches. The President appointed Mr. Cyril H. Burdett, President of the New York Unitarian Club; Mr. Parker B. Field, President of the Channing Club of Boston; Mr. Morton D. Hull of Chicago, President of the Western Conference. This Committee has now submitted its preliminary report, and has issued a letter to the officers of the existing Unitarian clubs, and other interested ministers and laymen, suggesting a form of organization and pointing out the need of such a movement in our fellowship. The proposed constitution names the organization "The National League of Unitarian Laymen." The objects are said to be, "To unite men in active and aggressive denominational and philanthropic work and civic improvement through the agency of the Unitarian church, and to promote the organization of men's clubs in churches or at mission points where they do not now exist." Provision is made for the affiliation of the existing Unitarian clubs, and also for individual and sustaining members. It is proposed that an annual convention be held, and an executive committee is provided to promote the objects of the league. The Committee invites suggestions from all persons interested in the movement. Correspondence should be with Mr. C. H. Burdett, Chairman of the Committee, at 135 Broadway, New York City.

Notes

In the Indianapolis Unitarian Church a card catalogue of the activities of the members in social service work is kept, and, if any member is found who is not doing anything along this line, a recommendation is made to that person. It is an excellent plan and well worthy of being copied by all progressive ministers and churches.

In Milford, N.H., there has been an interesting case of inter-church co-operation. All the churches of the town recently held their annual fairs at the same time and place, under the name of "The Dutch Shop." Each church had its own tables and its own financial account. Supper was served as a co-operative proposition, and a play, in the evening, was taken part in by members of the various churches. This finely illustrates the possibility and the wisdom of co-operative effort.

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National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Emma C. Low, *President*, 153 State St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer*, Mattapan, Mass.
Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, *Rec. Sec.*, 4 Ashland St., Dorchester, Mass.
Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Cor. Sec.*, 19 East 44th St., New York.
Miss Florence Everett, *Clerk*. Office hours 9.30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Nothing contributes more to the interest and profit of an Alliance meeting than a well-conducted department of Current Events or Religious Intelligence. History along religious lines is making fast and the most distant countries are being swept into the current. Changes of the utmost importance are reported everywhere and in these days of rapid communication it is not difficult to keep well-informed.

The members chosen for such a committee should be willing to spend a little time in reading the newspapers and periodicals of the day and be ready to answer questions and make explanations. It is not enough to select a few extracts from the *Christian Register* and the *Unitarian* valuable as they are, but the occurrences of note in all denominations and in all parts of the world may be reported. The Roman Catholic movement in England, the attitude of the Pope towards France, the great missionary meetings of Evangelicals in Boston and elsewhere all furnish subjects for discussion and must create an intelligent interest in religious matters. If branches would sometimes devote a whole meeting to informal discussion of such things among the members themselves, they would not be so dependent upon speakers or be obliged to plan addresses beforehand.

The executive board meeting for November was held at headquarters on the thirteenth with twenty three present. The corresponding secretary was warmly welgave a full and inspiriting account of her attendance at the Iowa Conference at Perry, at the Missouri Valley Conference at Omaha and at the Illinois Conference at Rockford. Reports had already come from Perry where the members of the church are enthusiastic and united, and it is hoped an Alliance branch will soon be formed. Good meetings were a part of the other Conferences but the vice-president expressed the wish that Alliance branches would send representatives more generally. It ought to be easy for each branch to send at least one delegate to the Conference in her section to bring back to the branch information, instruction and inspiration.

It is pleasant to record that the Director for Michigan presided at an Alliance meeting held in connection with the state conference at Grand Rapids, where an address was given by Rev. Florence Buck on "The Opportunities of the Alliance."

The chairman of the Cheerful Letter Exchange expressed satisfaction at the progress of the work and the evidence that her recent circular was well received. Mrs. Thomas G. Reese of Jamaica Plain, Mass. has been made chairman of the subcommittee on Travelling Libraries.

Mrs. Gilman and Miss Channing having resigned from the committee on Study Classes, Miss Ellen M. Patrick was nominated to serve on that committee.

The Post Office Mission committee continues indefatigable in seeking and bringing together the isolated enquirers. It is

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tee now at Shelter Neck writes, Mr. Gibson reports work going on in his circuit as usual though through death and removals from town the attendance at Faceville is unusually small. There the children are taught "that the devil lives in there (the church) and that they must *run* when they pass it!" Many who will not enter the church building will gather and listen eagerly to Mr. Gibson's preaching a mile or so away from the church. Bristol, Rock Bluffs and Lake Mystic have also been visited. Mr. Gibson says "It is useless to try to tell how many religious talks I have with individuals and groups daily. I am sure more is accomplished this way than any other."

Mr. Gillilan has met all his appointments except that at Pink Hill which has been cut off temporarily because of the stoppage of train service between Kinston and Pink Hill. It is hoped that some arrangement can be made whereby the appointment can be kept in November.

The congregations have been usually good throughout the circuit.

At Shelter Neck Mr. Key preached to a congregation which has increased of late. The Sunday night song services at Dix House have begun again with evident enjoyment on the part of all.

Mr. Key has begun his work under the new arrangement and has already preached at Middle Sound and spent some time in Wilmington. He will preach at Bolton the third Sunday in November and is making other appointments.

The teachers, Miss Clapp and Miss Warren reached Dix House on the 7th of Nov. and began school on the 9th. They were warmly welcomed back by both pupils and parents. The school at Swansboro began Oct. 19 with the same teachers Miss Fessenden and Miss Frost and there, too, from sixty to a hundred, and in Swansboro, Unitarianism is winning the respect of its former opponents and has never been in better condition in regard to church attendance.

Two barrels of clothing etc., have been sent to Dix House from New Bedford Mass. Branch and have been distributed among the people who had lost their crops by the flood. Weston Branch and Hawes Branch So. Boston and New Bedford friends have also sent contributions of money for the sufferers which will help meet the necessities as they come.

Two appeals are now recommended to the branches. For a church building in Andover, New Hampshire one thousand dollars. For the sake of the people and especially for the interests of Proctor Academy which is now taking a prominent place in that section of country it seems important that the Unitarian church which is said to be "of fine quality and doing much for the school" should be "housed in a suitable building." The appeal has the hearty approval of Mr. Clarence E. Carr of Andover who is a director of the American Unitarian Association. He writes very strongly about the exceptional value which a church building in this village can be, through the unique opportunities presented by Proctor Academy, to the Unitarian cause at large.

The second appeal is from Iowa City, Iowa, the Alliance branch asking for aid in furnishing a new church. Iowa City is also a university town, the State University having last year 2,300 students. Many of these are Unitarians but there are several large and influential churches of other denominations to attract them. Two years ago the old church building was sold. The money received was not sufficient

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that the church is a permanent institution intending to take a place in the community. The committee on appeals recommends that the branches appropriate $500 to Iowa City. The executive board confidently presents these two appeals to the branches.

Mr. Ames once said "Every live Unitarian church we can establish will become an object lesson to the community, illustrating the possibility and holy beauty of uniting 'freedom, fellowship and character in religion.'"

A most cordial invitation was received and accepted with pleasure to hold the January meeting of the Executive Board in Philadelphia. This is in accordance with the vote that at least one meeting each year shall be held elsewhere than in Boston. The meeting occurs on Jan. 8th 1909.

New branches were reported at Keene, N.H. Mrs. Dinsmore, president, and at the First Church Philadelphia, Secretary Miss Elizabeth Johnson, 4309 Baltimore Ave. Heretofore the First Church has belonged only to a compound branch.

The Woman's Alliance of Carver, Massachusetts was organized in June last, and went to work at once for a midsummer festival to get money to repair the Union Church, known also as the Creedless Church. Nothing of the kind had ever been held before; many came from curiosity, and $110.67 were cleared. The secretary of the branch is Miss Helena McFarlin, South Carver, Mass.

Some changes in addresses are to be recorded. The secretary of the Third Church Chicago branch, Miss Finch now lives at 953 Park Ave. The address of The recording secretary at Flatbush is Mrs. H. H. Pelton, 1029 East 19th St. and at the branch in Medford, Mass. the recording secretary's present address is 16 Hillside Ave. At the Stebbins branch Newton Centre Mass. the president is Mrs. A. A. Ballou, 156 Summer St. the recording secretary is Mrs. E. F. Melcher, 44 Norwood Ave., and the corresponding secretary Mrs. Sumner Clement, Langley Road. At Dover, N. H. the secretary is Mrs. Ernest L. Viles, 8 Central Ave. The president of the branch in Brockton, Mass. is Mrs. D. E. Brown and not C. H. as in the Manual.

The branch in Amherst, Mass. has changed secretaries, the present one being Miss Helen E. Allen. The Amherst branch reports present prosperity and success, sharing its minister with the Holyoke Church.

Miss Eleanora Zwissler, treasurer of the Philadelphia branch has become a Life Member of the National Alliance, and the Samaritan Alliance Brooklyn, N.Y. has made its president Mrs. John P. Forbes a Life Member. The same branch has placed *In Memoriam* the names of Miss Caroline A. Tisdale and Mrs. Maria B. Chapman. The Channing branch Newton, Mass. has placed on the In Memoriam list the name of Mrs. Emma F. Newell.

The clerk reported for the month, 227 visitors, 80 letters 25 postal cards received, 54 letters 3 cards written, '62 books lent from the circulating library, 11 lending papers sent out, 49 packages of Alliance material numbering 747 pieces distributed, and 12 packages of exchange sermons

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noon session Nov. 11th was given to a meeting of the Alliance. Mrs. John P. Forbes, vice-president for the Middle States and Canada presided and the address of welcome was given by Mrs. Joseph A. Powers, president of the Troy branch. The subject for the afternoon was "Aims and Methods of the National Alliance." Miss Emma C. Low, National Alliance president spoke first of the aims which she designated as "honesty of conviction and loyalty to those convictions." Mrs. R. H. Davis the corresponding secretary of the National Alliance described the methods of the Alliance and gave details of the work. A question box brought out many questions and answers of interest and importance. The meeting was well attended but the roll-call showed very few branches represented.

The New York League held the first meeting of the season at the Church of the Messiah, N.Y. on Friday morning Nov. 6th with about 120 present. The general subject for the year is "What is being done in our midst for the uplift of humanity." Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, secretary of the American Unitarian Association, spoke on "Our Mission and our Missions." The collection of $44.08 was given to South Brooklyn.

The following letter will be of interest.

British League of Unitarian Women.
LONDON, Oct. 21, 1908.

Dear Madam, I am desired by the committee of the above to write and offer you their very sincere and cordial thanks for your most kind letter of good wishes on ful thanks, I beg to remain, yours truly, Violet Preston, Hon. Sec.

The headquarters are at Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand and with the branch formed at Liverpool make a strong beginning for the League. As there are nearly four hundred Unitarian churches in the British Isles the League may soon surpass the Alliance in numbers. The Liverpool Branch League was formed at the residence of Lady Bowring. "It was an ideal summer afternoon and the proceedings were agreeably preluded by tea and conversation in the garden and on the terrace." The president's address was excellent and parts of it are here given for our readers.

LADY BOWRING, President of the League, in her opening address, said:—

I have asked you, and all the enrolled women members of our local churches, to consider the desirability of forming ourselves into a branch of the British League of Unitarian Women. . . . At a meeting of women held in connection with the British and Foreign Unitarian Conference in London on June 11th, it was decided by a majority to form a British League of Unitarian Women. The League therefore, now exists. It is fully organised, and the Executive Committee meets at Essex Hall. The step was taken following the example of that extensive organisation in America which is called "The National Alliance of Unitarian and other Liberal Christian Women." Those of us who were present at the International Congress at Boston were greatly impressed by the importance, activity, and usefulness of the American women in connection with the churches, the ability of the officers of their organisation, and the apparent enthusiasm of its members. In drawing a parallel between England and America, however, we have to remember that America is immensely larger than England, and that religious isolation is more marked and keenly felt there than here. Especially in thinly settled districts and in newly established causes is a need realised for communication with those who think sympathetically. As far as I can gather, the Women's Alliance is of immense service in satisfying this need by correspondence and suggestion, and

a Liverpool branch, and what steps shall be taken to that end. It is possible that it will occur to you that the women of our churches have already, in many cases, been the hardest workers, and have endeavored to quicken religious life and initiate activities. The question naturally arises: Will organization contribute further to this end? With regard to the second item, the "closer co-operation and fellowship" of the women, it is obvious that our gathering of this afternoon is a fair test of what it is possible to accomplish in that direction. Co-operation and fellowship are certainly highly desirable. We, with our individualism both of churches and people, are apt, perhaps, to be self-centred, and our smaller bodies are somewhat isolated. It is a complaint often made that members of larger or richer churches make little recognition of the smaller bodies. I think the complainers forget to take into account the multiplicity of interests of modern life, which cannot in any of us, however well-meaning, be indefinitely extended. When we have done our duty to our families, our friends, our social obligations, our own particular church, the special interests we have made our own, and the claims which seem really binding upon us, there often seems neither time nor energy left for anything but to sit down and gasp. It is not indifference to struggling churches of our own faith—at least, in many of us; it is sheer inability to make the days longer or our minds more comprehensive than they are. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the ideal state of things, towards which we all look more or less wishfully, is that there should be an awareness of one another in our churches, and in the women of our churches; and that exchange of ideas, association, and sympathy felt and tendered, are much to be desired. It is obvious that the more closely we are in touch with one another, the greater will be the totality of influence of our churches. The question for you to consider gravely is: Will the formation of this League help practically to assist such a state of things? Will it really make a difference to the situation? Lastly the missionary work of this district is undertaken by the Liverpool District Missionary Association, with some pecuniary help from the British and Foreign. The Association has on its Council representatives from all our churches. It often receives appeals from churches in the district. The women of the churches could do much work in helping this Association to help such causes; and no doubt could help much more effectively if they were organised and combined into solidarity. I hope that the ladies present will freely state their opinions on all these points.

Miss Helen Brooke Herford assured the audience that the object of the Women's League was many struggling causes. There was a deal of missionary work to be done in England, and to help the isolated churches which were fighting with their backs to the wall in holes and corners was a noble and legitimate object for an organized body of women.

Next summer an occasion of much interest will be the dedication of a unique building at Chautauqua, N.Y., the Aula Christi or Hall of Christ. "This new building is to shelter copies of all the books which have been written on Christ and his life, and reproductions of all that art has contributed to the interpretation of Christ in the way of pictures and engravings. It is also to be a centre for systematic study of Christ and his teachings and a place for appropriate meetings." The Hall of Christ was built at a cost of $40,000.

Appeals now before the branches:—

Andover, N.H.	$1,000
Iowa City, Ia.	500

The next meeting of the executive board will be held at headquarters, Boston on December 11th 1908. Reports will be due from the Southern states and Rocky mountains.

The formation of the branch at the First Church, Philadelphia was announced to the corresponding secretary in the following bright and original way.

Dear Mrs. Davis,

I appointed myself a committee of one,
Bidding usual methods defiance,—
To tell you about the good work we have done,
For we've formed,—yes, we've formed an Alliance!

Today the First Church set its sanction

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The fourth regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1908–1909 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Saunderson presided and there were present: Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Peters, Mr. Shurtleff, Mr. Sturtevant, Miss Taylor, Mr. Wahlberg, and the Secretary.

The Sec. read the minutes of the last meeting that were approved.

The Treas. read his monthly report that he explained in detail for the benefit of the Board.

Voted: to accept this report and spread it on the records.

The bills for the month were taken up separately and disposed of.

The matter of the recent gift of $50 from a friend was brought up.

Voted: that $25 of the anonymous gift be applied to the work of the Union-at-Large and $25 to the Field Work.

One Life Member, Miss Hannah B. Fuller of Augusta, Me., was reported.

The Treas. reported for the committee that the money in the Reserve Fund has been put in the Franklin Savings Bank where it will draw 4% interest.

Voted: to accept this report.

Mr. Wahlberg reported for the Finance Committee that the letter, appealing for funds, has gone out.

A letter was read from Miss Fellows accepting the Chairmanship of the Union-

Voted: that the Pres. be appointed a committee with the Sec. to consider the matter of another type-writer and to report at the next meeting.

On Mr. Wahlberg's motion the vote was amended thus:

And that this committee have authority to purchase another type-writer.

The Pres. spoke at length on work for Forward Movement, especially the Field Work Trip, and urged co-operation with other Unitarian organizations. One recent result of such co-operation is that the A. U. A. has appointed the Pres. a Billings Lecturer. Plans for a Field Work Trip have been under way, and the recently appointed Missionary Committee herewith reports its approval of these plans.

Voted: that the plans for the President's trip be approved by the Directors.

Voted: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

South Middlesex Federation

The South Middlesex Federation meeting was held with Follen Guild of East Lexington, on Sunday, Oct. 18, with 122 delegates present. A business session was in order from 4 to 6 o'clock, when $50 was voted to the National Union for missionary work, and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. William H. Parker of Reading; Vice-President, Mr. Philip P. Sharples of Cambridge; Secretary, Miss Josephine Bruorton, of Bedford; and treasurer, Mr. Benjamin S. Stoney, of East Lexington.

The program of the afternoon included

H. H. Saunderson, president of the National Union, and remarks by Mr. Percy A. Atherton. A discussion followed.

After luncheon the audience assembled in the church, where at 7.30 Rev. Howard A. MacDonald conducted a devotional service interspersed by a musical program. Rev. Charles F. Dole of Jamaica Plain, delivered the evening address, after which Mr. MacDonald pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

LILIAN V. BRUORTON, *Secretary.*

South Worcester Federation

The South Worcester Federation held its fall meeting with Parkman Guild of Westboro on Sunday, Oct. 25. Although it was a lowering day, the attendance was about as usual.

The following societies were represented: Hopedale, 4; Mendon, 1; Millbury, 3; Northboro, 2; West Upton, 15; Westboro, 16; and South Unitarian, Worcester, 20.

The afternoon paper was given by Miss Bertha Washburn of Millbury on "James Freeman Clarke," notes for which she had obtained from a relative of his, and which had never been printed.

The evening session was at 6.45, with Rev. I. P. Quimby of Malden addressing us on "What the Young People's Religious Union can do for the Young People's Christian Union."

An invitation was extended and accepted for the January meeting to be in Worcester.

MAY A. LELAND, *Secretary.*

Essex Federation

The Essex Federation of Y. P. R. U. [illegible] Union [illegible] social hour

Newton Centre on "Thanksgiving," the remarks being most timely; and by Rev. Charles W. Casson, Secretary of the Publicity Department of the A. U. A., who outlined the history of the "Paragraph Pulpit," graphically described the workings of this department, and appealed especially to the young people for their co-operation in this work.

The annual election of officers then took place, resulting in the following choice: President, Mr. Sidney B. Holden of Salem; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Mercedes H. Torr of Peabody; Directors, Miss Sally Upton of Salem, Miss C. Louise Friend of Gloucester, Miss Margaret Nichols of Danvers, and Miss Blanche Merritt of Lynn.

After a rising vote of thanks to the Danvers friends for their hospitality, the meeting closed with a benediction by Rev. E. H. Brenan.

MERCEDES H. TORR, *Secretary.*

North Worcester Federation

The autumn meeting of the North Worcester Federation of Young People's Religious Unions was held at Marlboro, Saturday, Nov. 14, 1908. An address of welcome was given by Rev. E. F. Hayward of Marlboro, and Mr. Orra L. Stone of Clinton, Vice President, responded for the Federation.

A very interesting address on "The Religion of Robert Louis Stevenson" was given by Rev. George Hale Reed of Belmont, and this with brief remarks by Rev. Abbot Peterson of Lancaster and Rev. J. N. Pardee of Bolton, closed the morning session.

After a very bountiful lunch provided

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oughly enjoyed and appreciated by those present.

A brief business meeting followed Mr. Griffin's address, when the secretary read the report of the previous meeting; the roll call showed an attendance of 94.

A very helpful devotional service, led by Rev. J. C. Kent of Northboro closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
HELEN W. GREENWOOD, *Secretary.*

Union-at-Large.

The Union-at-Large, which is now entering upon its third year of service, has increased to about one hundred members. This means one hundred young men and women scattered from Massachusetts to California,—some in the colleges and different training schools, and some in business positions away from home—who are receiving each month news of the Unitarian movement as published in "Word and Work," and in sermons by the best Unitarian preachers. The influences that must emanate from such an organization with its constantly growing membership is obvious.

The committee wishes to thank those friends who have aided it this fall by sending in names of possible members; and to ask for further co-operation in suggesting other names, or in giving news of the changed addresses of members. Such information may be sent to any of the committee which consists this year of Miss Marguerite Fellows, Miss Elizabeth Loring, Miss Mildred Wiggin, Mr. Herman Peters, and Mr. Frederic G. Melcher.

Leominster, Mass. (c) Miss Florence Powers, 12 Cotton St.
Montclair, N.J. (s) Mr. Walter E. Roberts, 24 Douglas Road, Glen Ridge, N.J.
Burlington, Vt. (s) Miss Ethel L. Drew, 68 So. Willard St.
Madison, Wis. (s) Mr. Clifton Fuller, Mendota Court.

Union Notes

East Bridgewater, Mass. "It was voted to change our name from Look-Up League to Parish Club. We are to have dues this year and our meetings are carried on in the most informal manner possible. We have a short business meeting and song service, followed by discussion on some topic interesting to all, after which we serve light refreshments, the younger members playing games or dancing until ten o'clock. Our union had reached a crisis when something entirely different must be done. Formerly we had our Sunday evening services carried on along the lines of a regular church service, very formal in every way; but we found that it was growing less interesting at every meeting to the younger members, the ones that we are to look to soon for the carrying on the work of the society, so we have tried this plan to arouse interest and keep our young people in the Unitarian Church. Although we may be lacking some in the line of worship this year, we feel we must begin this way and gradually work back to our motto in its fullest sense."

West Bridgewater, Mass. "The Union for the past year has been very helpful to the church in providing several very interesting evening services and also in helping financially in the repairs on the

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thank the Young People's Religious Union for sending such a fine representative. I think we all feel more in touch with the whole and I do hope it will bring others to us. These visits from distant friends are surely inspiring, making us feel that we are indeed one family. Our library is still holding its own and patrons multiplying weekly. The Guild had a sign put outside of the building as an advertisement for the library."

Field Work Trip

On Sunday, Nov. 22, the National Union president, Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, left Boston for an extended trip of about four weeks, going out as a Billings lecturer for the A. U. A. A report of this trip will appear in the next number of *Word and Work*.

The following places will be visited: Buffalo, N. Y.; Cleveland, and Toledo, Ohio; Davenport, Iowa City, Des Moines, Humboldt, and Keokuk, Ia.; Bloomington, Urbana, and Chicago, Ill.; Detroit, Mich.; London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal, Can.

At the final meeting of this trip, in Montreal, on Friday evening, Dec. 18, an International Neighborhood gathering will be held, when members of the unions from northern Vermont will be present.

Life Membership

The Life Membership list has now reached 80, the past month one member being reported,—

Miss Hannah B. Fuller, Augusta, Me.

Points and Lines

Constitution adopted, and steps taken towards affiliation with the National Union. On the last Sunday of each month a meeting is held in the Parish House; at the October meeting Mr. Fernandez spoke on the "Spirit of the East," about thirty being present. A Hallowe'en Party brought out about seventy-five on a week day night.

The Medfield Union celebrated its twentieth anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 29, with addresses of local interest by the first president and a National Union representative.

The Cohasset Y. P. R. U. has disbanded for the present as has also the Y. P. R. U. of Erie, Pa. In the latter place there is, however, a Young People's Social Union, that we hope will become a member of the National Body.

The Y. P. R. U. of Rochester, N.Y., is to have a winter with Marcus Aurelius, the last Sunday of each month being devoted to social problems, with papers by members; and each member is urged to read two sections of the "Meditations" daily.

Our president, Rev. H. H. Saunderson, represented the National Union at the Conference of the Middle States and Canada, speaking Thursday, Nov. 12, on "The Future for Unitarianism."

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. G. G. Mills, recently admitted to our fellowship from the Trinitarian Congregational body, has been installed minister of the First Parish at Watertown, Mass. Rev. H. C. Weston has been installed at Randolph, Mass. Rev. F. R. Lewis has resigned at Kennebunk, Me., to accept a call to Hopedale, Mass. Rev. C. G. Horst has resigned at West Upton, to accept a call to Wollaston, Mass. Rev. V. J. Gilpin has resigned at London, Ont. Rev. John Snyder of Wellesley Hills, has accepted a call to Nantucket, Mass. Mr. J. C. A. Auer has accepted a call to Hyde Park, Mass. Rev. B. W. Morrison, lately of Meadville, has accepted a call to Unity Home, New Bedford, Mass.

Contributions. Twenty-four additional societies have, during the last month, sent in their contributions for the national work. The majority of these contributions show a decrease from the record of last year, but it is to be supposed that many of these societies have not yet completed their gifts for the year. A number of them are paying on account, and additional contributions will raise their record to a better level. It is gratify- givers. The encouraging features of the month's record are to be found in such steady and reliable generosity as is illustrated by the record of such a church as the old First Church in Hingham. Twelve years ago, when the present administration of the Association took hold, the Hingham church gave for the national cause $230. By small advances this gift has been annually enlarged. Only once in the twelve years has there been any dropping back from the record of gain. Last year the gift reached $462. This year it goes up to $697, and there are rumors that the additional $3 may be forthcoming to make the contribution a round $700. The record of the Channing Church at Newport tells a similar story. Twelve years ago the gift of that church was $71.49. In 1904, it was $153. Again, by steady gains it has reached this year $235. These figures mean something. As a rule they mean an efficient minister, an alert and interested people, a conscientious effort to do a fair share of the work in which we are all engaged together, a helpful and hopeful spirit.

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The At the December meeting of the Board of Directors the

provement of the Condition of the Ministry. This action was taken in accordance with a request received by the Board from the Faculty of the Meadville Theological School. The Meadville School, in companionship with practically all the divinity schools in this country, is confronted by a steady decrease in the number of candidates for the ministry. The opinion is commonly held that a chief reason for this decrease is to be found in the economic conditions which confront ministers. It has therefore seemed to the Faculty wise to discover just what the facts are. If the support of the Unitarian ministry is adequate, that fact ought to be known for the encouragement of young men who are now deterred from entering the ministry because they have reason to expect meagre salaries, insecure tenure of office, and an impoverished old age. If the support is clearly inadequate, then that fact should be known to the churches, and remedies at least suggested. The churches certainly fail as yet to appreciate the fact that the resort to the ministry in this country has decreased by nearly 50 per cent. within the last twenty years. Our fellowship is better off than most, but our Divinity Schools do not now graduate enough men to supply even the losses by death. This is a very serious condition, and our fellowship is to be congratulated that a thoroughly competent committee has consented to inquire into these matters and to see what can be done to solve the increasingly difficult problem of the supply of our pulpits. The Committee consists of President Charles W. Eliot; Hon. Jonathan Smith, President of the Worcester Conference; Prof. Francis A. Christie of the Meadville Theological School; Charles E. Ware, Esq., of Fitchmeeting and is expected to report in the spring.

Missionary Journeys. Rev. C. W. Casson, Secretary of the Publicity Department, will spend most of January in taking a missionary trip to the North-west. After preaching in Ottawa, Canada, on January 3, he will speak in Green Bay and Marinette, Wis., the following week. On Sunday, January 10, he will be in Duluth, Minn. On the 11th, in co-operation with Rev. F. W. Pratt, the Field Secretary of the Canadian Northwest, he will conduct a series of meetings every night for a week in Winnipeg, Manitoba, closing on Sunday night, January 17. From the 18th to the 21st he will speak at Brookings and Elkton, S.D., and Pipestone and Luverne, Minn., under charge of Rev. Rett E. Olmstead, Field Agent for the district. On the 22d he will lecture in De Soto, Wis., as a result of interest aroused by Paragraph Pulpit work.

Rev. H. H. Saunderson of Cambridge, Mass., has just returned from a successful trip of four weeks as a Billings lecturer. In several of the churches visited he was asked by the minister to speak on specific problems and on special phases of denominational work and organization. Being president of the National Young People's Religious Union, he did a great deal to promote the loyalty and organization of people who are the hope of many of our churches in the near future.

Our churches in Buffalo, Cleveland, and Toledo are feeling the prosperity of cities that are making large and substantial growth: each has a devoted and successful minister. Buffalo and Cleveland have

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Des Moines, Keokuk. In each church the work is making substantial gain, as are other churches in the somewhat compact group of churches in that State. Bloomington and Urbana in Illinois were next visited. The congregation in Bloomington shows a pronounced growth, and the minister preaches to a still larger congregation through the public press. The new church in Urbana, almost on the campus of the State University of Illinois, is one of the pronounced successes of recent Unitarian ventures.

In Michigan, Jackson, Ann Arbor, and Detroit were visited. In Jackson, Mr. Saunderson preached in the Unitarian church in the morning and spoke in the Y. M. C. A. building in the afternoon, the latter meeting being a municipal no-license meeting. Five churches in Canada were the last of the points on the journey: London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal. These churches are much interested in the recent development of Unitarian work, by which the British and Foreign Unitarian Association and the American Unitarian Association are sharing the cost of the establishment and maintenance of the Department of Canada. This does not cut off the Canadian churches from their fellowship with our national organizations, nor from the Middle States Conference, but it strengthens the Unitarian movement in the whole Dominion.

Mr. Saunderson's final meetings were in Montreal, where he spoke on two successive evenings, the second meeting being a meeting for the young people. Representatives were present from the churches of Northern Vermont, Montpelier and Burlington, the ministers of these churches also participating in the meetings.

Publicity During the month of December and co-operation of the ministers and churches. By the twentieth of the month it was found necessary to have 25,000 of these booklets printed. Some forty churches have undertaken a publicity campaign along the lines laid down by the Department. The Missionary Committee of the Worcester Conference has planned to send one of these booklets by mail to practically every member of every church within the Conference. Other churches are planning extensive campaigns, using from 500 to 2,000 booklets, and, in every case, guaranteeing to distribute them all. It is expected that at least 50,000 of these will be used in the next three months. Ministers desiring to engage in this work and wishing to have an edition with a local last page are requested to write to Mr. Casson.

During the month there has been published and sent to every minister and Alliance secretary a booklet entitled "Ten Spokes in the Wheel of Progress." In it are shown ten different ways in which missionary work can be carried on, giving full particulars concerning each kind of enterprise. This will probably prove most helpful in suggesting methods of work to those interested in the extension of Unitarian principles.

The churches taking the Unitarian Calendar are now forty in number, and the latest to join the Calendar circle is the church in Denver, Col. Other churches beginning with the first of the year are the First Church, Roxbury, and Davenport, Iowa. By January 1 the total circulation of the Calendar will be nearly 10,000. Individual subscriptions are coming in rapidly, and it is hoped to build up a very large subscription list for the general edition. It is being used extensively in Post-office Mission work.

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neighboring churches are paying for the Paragraph Pulpit in the Brockton *Enterprise*. Excellent reports have resulted from the work done in the *Daily Beacon* of Wichita, Kan.; and at many other points in the West it is hoped to begin the publication very soon, in all cases with the co-operation of the local organization.

Arrangements are being made to secure the names of isolated Unitarians throughout the United States, and to put them in touch with the nearest Unitarian church and minister. Whenever inquiries come for Unitarian literature, from people living near a church, a card is sent to the minister, giving him the name of the correspondent. It is requested that all ministers who desire such names, and who are willing to send to such people their card of greeting and calendars should advise Mr. Casson.

Department of Social and Public Service.

This Department has now been in existence something over two months, and the sphere of its usefulness is steadily enlarging. The inquiries that are coming to the office are increasing in number and variety, and the Secretary is receiving many calls, both for addresses and information. Since the last issue of *Word and Work* he has spoken to the Young People's Societies of Concord, East Bridgewater, and Winthrop, and the Alliances at Westboro, King's Chapel, West Roxbury, Natick, and Wellesley Hills. He has addressed the Village Club of Mendon and the Civic Club of Stow on village improvement, the Men's Club of Medford on charity organization, and the Men's Club of Lexington on the liquor problem. He has also explained to a large gathering of interested people.

Last year the Legislature of Massachusetts passed a bill permitting the savings banks of the State to issue life insurance policies and provided a system of old age annuities. This seems one of the most useful and practical measures of self-help now before us, and, if followed up, one that is bound to have far-reaching effects for good. The Department has brought it to the attention of all the settled ministers in the State as something well worth their hearty support. The response has been gratifying, and much literature on the subject has been distributed and several meetings for discussion arranged. It is hoped the matter may be taken up with even greater energy after the holidays, and correspondence on the subject is invited.

In any study of social questions one of the first necessities is accurate and up-to-date information, and often this is not accessible to those beyond reach of the larger libraries. To supply this lack the Department proposes to establish a small but well selected lending library. The preliminary work upon it is well advanced, and by the end of another month it will probably be open for use.

We wish it to be generally understood that this Department is ready to respond as far as possible to any call made upon it. If any one desires information about boys' clubs, playgrounds, child labor, immigration, charity organization, the liquor problem, cooking classes, tuberculosis, socialism, the single tax, savings-bank insurance, old-age pensions, reading lists, courses of study, or anything else

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National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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The Alliance has grown to be a large organization; 17,000 women ought to make it a strong one. To be strong there must be a common ideal and a common resolve to unite on the same means for the accomplishment of that ideal. The individual members of each branch must be brought into harmony and their minds so adjusted that the whole branch may act in conjunction with others to bring about certain results.

The Alliance as an organization is very loosely compacted. In no sense is it over organized. The rules and regulations are simple, the branches having the utmost freedom and knit together only by common good will and love of the cause, and we have a *cause*. To make organization of any value every individual woman should fully understand the cause for which she has paid her dollar and why she should do her best to make effective use of both her money and her time.

Phillips Brooks said that in all good work it is necessary to know its best motive. "A man will dig his ditch better if he knows and cares for the great plan of giving the thirsty city water. Still he *can* dig his ditch for his dollar a day." So an Alliance member can pay a fee and attend pleasant meetings and not comprehend that it is essential for her to understand its real work or the purpose of the organization to which she nominally belongs.

The December meeting of the Executive Board of the National Alliance was

The President reported visits to New London and Derby, Connecticut. In each place conditions seem to be improving, and the debt in Derby is materially decreased. Miss Low also spoke of the branch at Elizabeth, N.J. and a visit there. The church which is well located is now complete and the branch will entertain the New York League in May.

The growth of the Alliance and the increase in Unitarian churches in the state of New Jersey is always matter for congratulation to those who remember the conditions on the formation of the Alliance.

The Corresponding Secretary had less to report than usual, but is planning a series of visits to the branches in Maine to be carried out later in the year. She spoke with satisfaction of the receipt of the blanks used in the preparation of the Manual which had been more promptly and more fully filled than usual. All this will be of even greater importance next year as the Manual must be ready by the time of the National Conference.

The Treasurer's statement is always read and most carefully considered at each board meeting. Some items this month will be of interest to the branches. Receipts for membership fees were $3; for Cheerful Letter subscriptions $55.20; unappropriated money $7.25. The expense account was for Salaries $160.82; Travelling expenses $13.90; Manual $555.19; Word and Work for Nov. $39.36; Cheerful Letter for Nov. $49.25; Printing one

President of the United States is a Unitarian has given a great impetus to the circulation of sermons and tracts and P. O. Mission committees are kept busy. Another edition of Miss Ellis's Mission is called for.

The Leaflet on Hymns and Hymn Writers has been reprinted with some corrections and is proving of value. The Milton Tercentenary has had a large share of Alliance interest and many branches have devoted meetings to the study of the Life and Writings of the great poet. This has been of especial advantage to the younger members who have learned something more of Milton than the limited bits of poetry they have committed to memory while in school.

The Cheerful Letter Exchange reported new committees at Summit, N.J. and at the First Church, Philadelphia. An advertisement has been put in the Kansas City Weekly Journal as follows: "Isolated persons wishing magazines occasionally or a friendly letter, may address The Cheerful Letter Exchange."

For the Southern Committee: "Reports from the Florida-Georgia Circuit show continued activity and many interesting details in Mr. Gibson's work. In North Carolina Mr. Cowan has arranged for more comfortable quarters at several points than the Brush Shelters afford during the winter months, and is meeting his appointments regularly. During November the chairman visited Pink Hill, White Oak, and Swansboro in the seacoast Circuit where the work in charge of Mr. Gillilan is progressing satisfactorily. At Pink Hill the new church is being built

hundred men on Saturday and on Sunday preached to about eight hundred people at Bolton. Much interest was expressed and a hearty invitation given him to continue the services.

Mrs. Loud, Director for Canada reported a profitable fair in Montreal and the generally prosperous condition of her branches. A visit to the Canadian branches by the President and Director has been arranged, the complete itinerary being carefully planned by Mrs. Loud.

There was no report from the Committee on Appeals, but the two appeals presented last time have only been lessened by $25 sent to Andover. Other appeals are under consideration by the committee. The needs of the two Theological Schools are still to be met and Green Harbor must be remembered. Green Harbor is now without a minister, Mr. Hubbard having returned to his former parish in Francestown, N.H.

When the branch at Willimantic, Connecticut was obliged to disband it distributed its funds, giving one hundred dollars to the National Alliance. The Executive Board appropriated the money to making Mrs. Leroy B. Hull, Mrs. A. B. Holmes, Mrs. Ruth E. Purinton and Mrs. W. J. Arhn, Life Members of the Alliance. The branch also made Mrs. Jennie P. Scripture a Life Member. These members will be kept in touch with the Alliance receiving the Manual and other literature and having a vote at national meetings. Nevertheless the breaking up of the church and disbanding the branch is much to be deplored.

The name of Miss Marie Storrs Peck of

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The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held in Philadelphia, at the First Church, corner Chestnut and Twenty-second Streets, on Jan. 8th 1909 at 10 o'clock.

It is the especial wish of the Executive Board that branches send letters of greeting to Keene, N.H. Secretary, Mrs. Joseph H. Davis, 53 Marlboro St. Keene is a very strong and prominent church and its women have been foremost in good works but have not been identified with the Alliance in any way until recently. They have now to learn the pleasures and advantages of belonging to a large organization and what the Alliance means by fellowship.

The report of the Southern Vice President was too excellent to be condensed and it is with much reluctance that it is abbreviated here. It will be interesting reading for every branch for it is seldom that so much is told us of the work among our southern branches.

The past year has been a busy one in all of our branches, and much work has been done that does not show in these reports. Our women have not only been busy with the problems of their local churches, but have taken a deep interest in all that concerns our work together in this southern field. This is a hopeful sign of a wider range of usefulness. The Alliance delegates at the Southern Conference held at Atlanta last year brought unusual enthusiasm into, and for, the Southern work, and carried the stimulus of the Conference and its larger problems home to their branches. Year by year these Conference gatherings grow in usefulness, and we hope they will cheerful, hopeful letters come from our various branches that I have strong faith in their reaching out largely beyond their local work, ere many more years. Often "in helping others, we help ourselves," may be as true of church or branch as of individuals. We are so far apart that these Conferences once a year, bringing us together mean a great deal, both in comfort, pleasure and growth for our liberal cause, but oh, if there could be some way found of making the trips less costly, so that more of our people could get together on these occasions! Can you imagine twenty or thirty delegates representing the states from the Ohio to the Gulf, and from Maryland to New Mexico meaning "a large conference"? If you can, perhaps you will realize what our struggle is, to create an influence and make our liberal faith grow in this vast section. If, on the other hand the bulk of our congregations could meet at these Conferences, what strength it would give and what a forward movement and impetus would come! Only reduced travelling expenses could make this possible, and there is no way to accomplish this; so our twenty or thirty delegates and the local congregation form our Conference and must do what they can. It seems very little, for naturally the community looks upon such a Conference as meaning a very small denomination and consequently one of little moment. Our southern branches are brave, loyal and *hopeful* despite these conditions and deserve much credit for even the seeming little they accomplish. In this field, Post Office Mission, the Paragraph Pulpit (and perhaps the weight of a Unitarian President of the United States) must be depended upon to edu-

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ous socials, and a reception to Mr. Ramsay the pastor before he departed for Europe. A purse of $108 was presented to him on that occasion. During the year purchases were made of a rug for the small parlor, furnishings for the dining room; flowers, for every Sunday and Easter; Christian Register for the use of Alliance and P. O. M. Com., a Christian Register and the Unitarian supplied to the reading room of the Public Library; and a telephone. Donations were given in response to nine appeals from branches, to Southern Circuit work, to P. O. Mission; to the Richmond Church and to the Sunday School Entertainment; also, to Hindoo College, Ceylon, Hurdman Mountain School, and various hospitals and institutions. Mrs. Ramsay was sent as delegate to the Southern Conference and the branch felt greatly disappointed that Mrs. Davis could not visit Louisville as was proposed, but the congregation enjoyed Mr. Wilson's visit, and the branch gave a reception for him. The Annual Bazaar this year was called a "Bazaar of Nations." Among the features were a Japanese Tea Garden, an old New England Kitchen, The American Restaurant and a Dutch Windmill to blow happiness and pretty gifts to the children for five cents a breeze. Other booths represented Scotland, France and Germany while Old Point Comfort proved a quiet retreat for those who wished a rocking chair and few moments' rest due to feeling weary after much shopping in foreign parts. This Bazaar was a great success both in attractiveness and financial results, as the branch hopes to clear five hundred dollars from it.

The Highland Springs, Va. branch has thirteen members and is hopeful of increasing during the winter. The usual work has been carried on, and preparations are under way for the Christmas sale and "the Alliance Annex." This branch rejoices now in having a regular pastor, instead of holding lay services with occasional visits from the pastor of the Richmond Church.

During the past year, the branch at Richmond Va. has raised in the neighborhood of three hundred dollars by suppers and sales. The money is expended in helping the church with its expenses and in charity. Recently, the church has purchased a Manse, on which it was necessary to make repairs, and it has been the pleasure of the Alliance to pay the bills. With the co-operation of the Highland Spring branch, one of Mr. Robinson's sermons has been published in tract form, hoping it would be found helpful in the work of our liberal faith. The branch provides the Christmas tree for the children, and the decoration for the church; and whenever visiting ministers, or Alliance workers come to Richmond a simple but pretty reception is always tendered them in the parish rooms. It is also the custom to provide a social evening once or twice during the winter. For the first time, Richmond was able to be represented at a Southern Conference away from Richmond by one of its members, as well as by its pastor. They hope this winter to take up the study of Emerson, and the Secretary writes "There is nothing very interesting to tell, but we are happy in our work and hopeful of better things."

The Shelter Neck, N.C. branch has held regular meetings and is bravely working onward. A sale brought in over forty-seven dollars and the ladies are thankful for the contributions of money and fancy articles that were sent them from other branches. They have contributed money towards painting the church, paying insurance upon the building and putting up a belfry and bell, and have made a

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brave branch although having many needs of its own, has contributed a small amount to every appeal upon the list of National Alliance appeals.

At Charleston, S.C. the branch has held regular meetings and was well represented at the Conference at Atlanta. A play, and a supper have been given upon different occasions and were successful in every way. The branch has begun a series of readings at its meetings upon Current Events, the selections being taken from current magazines and newspapers. Twenty-five cents has been sent in response to every appeal in Word and Work and other donations were made to the Ice Mission and the Chelsea Sufferers.

The Alliance Branch of Jacksonville, Florida, has nearly completed its second year; its membership is twenty, having lost a few members by removal from the city. The efforts of its women have necessarily been along the lines of money getting, in which, they feel they have been successful. A new church needs many dollars, so they have added their hundred dollars to the nine hundred so generously given by the National Alliance through its branches. The branch has also contributed seventy five dollars to current church expenses, and has given in varying amounts, about fifteen dollars to local charities. The Cheerful Letter Committee has done but little active work, but the P. O. M. Committee has accomplished much in distributing literature at the church door and through the mail. Last spring a visit from Mrs. Davis of the National Alliance gave the members a great deal of pleasure. She filled them with her enthusiasm and they feel that the rapid raising of the full amount of their appeal was largely due to her efforts

has been inactive, but felt hopeful of having its small circle come together again this winter. The outlook for a church in the near future seems rather discouraging, but the Alliance president feels that, under the right conditions and influence, enough people of the liberal faith might come forward, as there are quite a number of such in and near Birmingham. As we have not a single church in Alabama, we all hope that these conditions may take shape and encourage our band of women there.

The Chattanooga, Tenn. branch has doubled in membership during the past year; its women have shown remarkable interest in the work of the Alliance and had planned for a very busy, active winter. A nice sum of money was given to the church treasury to help liquidate a bill of long standing. During the fall, much sewing for charities was done. Fifteen dollars were contributed to the Prohibition Campaign Fund; and many articles of clothing sent to the Salvation Army. During the summer, the branch had a number of outings, which helped to promote sociability. At the Southern Conference, the Chattanooga branch sent the largest number of delegates, ten in all, and set thereby, a fine example to all our Southern branches. In September, a successful rummage sale was held, and apron material purchased and some work was done and more planned for a bazaar in December, but this had to be abandoned owing to the pastor's strong disapproval of raising money for church work by means of fairs, sales etc. If some one can only convince the pastor that such things are are not wrong but often a good thing in church work the branch feels it could

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voted to business, and the second, to social matters. Money has been raised by sales. Orders were taken for aprons and the ladies met at the homes of different members for an all day sewing, each lady taking her own lunch and the hostess serving hot tea, coffee, or chocolate. Money was expended for the usual dues, also for Southern Associate Alliance, and the National Temperance Society. In addition to these, twenty dollars was spent for cleaning the church; seven dollars for P. O. M. twenty dollars for Paragraph Pulpit; five dollars for ice cream for the Sunday School, and each year the branch pays a note of twenty five dollars for the church organ. At the Southern Conference the branch although a thousand miles from Atlanta, had delegates present, and one of them ably filled the chair in the absence of the President of the Southern Associate Alliance, and was elected to serve as President for the coming year. The branch is at present bending its energies towards paying its next note for the organ, and to refurnishing the church. Sales will be held every other month. The branch expresses its appreciation for a box of fancy articles, and the Christian Register sent by Unity Circle.

The New Orleans, Louisiana branch carries on considerable regular work through various committees who report results at each monthly meeting. Has given an afternoon reception in honor of Miss Fanny Field and Mrs. Hartmann of the Cincinnati branch when Miss Field spoke very entertainingly and instructively of "Hymnology," and also of the need of a parish house or rooms for Alliance work. thoroughly enjoyed. The third part of the programme was a farewell to Prof. and Mrs. H. F. Rugan on their departure for Europe. Prof. Rugan had been the Sunday School Supt. and Vice Pres. of the Trustees, while Mrs. Rugan was a loyal Alliance worker, and member of both local and national P. O. M. Committees. The Alliance presented each with a handsome silver travelling cup, appropriately engraved, and wished them a happy trip. The Study Class Committee has charge of all meetings for social purposes. Study subjects have been Child labor in factories, Travellers' Aid Association work, Longfellow, Thomas Paine, Ingersoll and Dr. Charles Eliot of Harvard College. The Benevolent Committee among many gifts has furnished coal to a needy woman, and through the Alliance sent $25 to an aged minister. The Appeals Committee answered all appeals for fancy articles, and contributed one dollar each to the nine appeals upon the National Alliance list. The Home for Incurables Committee visits that institution and attends to replenishing the Unitarian room there; also pays a yearly fee of three dollars to the institution. The Cheerful Letter Committee has regularly written letters and sent magazines etc., to six families in Virginia. The P. O. M. Committee has six members who meet every month to send out literature, five do this and the sixth member takes entire charge of the church rack. This Committee feels that its work is one of the most important parts of the Alliance work in its Missionary efforts for the spread of our liberal faith among those who need

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venile Court, members of the Alliance being appointed to represent it at the meetings of these associations. One dollar was sent to the National Temperance Society, and expenses of delegates to the Southern Conference paid. The crowning work of the year however was the result of Miss Field's visit and talk and the vote of the Southern Conference to hold its next session at New Orleans. These two, led our women to decide that their Parish House was an immediate necessity, and consequently when its meetings usually adjourn in the spring, it was decided to hold called meetings if necessary to arrange for the building of such a house. In July a parish House Building Committee was appointed, instructed to have the Alliance incorporated, and given power to act in planning for and carrying forward the building of the Unitarian House as it was decided to call it. For the first time, the New Orleans Alliance was active all through the summer, for this Committee included all the members in town and when the regular meetings were resumed in the fall the Unitarian House was well under way. Ground had been broken and the building was begun Sept. 10th. All the energies of the branch are now devoted to the finishing of the building and having it ready for the Conference meetings next spring, and the means of meeting the payments upon this five thousand dollar home of the New Orleans branch. A loan from the American Unitarian Association of $2500 made it possible to begin work at once and when the branch has its new equipment it feels sure it will soon more than pay for itself, and will aid greatly along all lines of church work.

At Memphis Tenn. a few of the former Alliance women have resumed meetings, and undertaken some work for their lar services and read a sermon. As many as seventeen have attended the Sunday meetings.

The branch at Oklahoma furnishes supplies for the Sunday School and music for Sunday services. A bazaar gave them $100.05. The members are rejoicing in the new minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ward R. Clark, recently in Dover, N.H. The seventeen members are very hopeful of accomplishing a great deal the coming year.

No reports were received from the Rocky Mountains section but the Vice President writes that many places are now feeling the effect of the panic. Without doubt some of the branches are more or less discouraged. Some pleasant friendly letters from branches not so isolated would do much good where Unitarian churches are few and neighborhood meetings are impossible.

The president of the branch at Arlington St. Boston, Miss Bertha Langmaid has changed her residence to 2 Gordon Terrace, Brookline, Mass. The Recording Secretary of the Waltham, Mass. branch is Mrs. Elizabeth M. Upham, Lyman St. At Highland Springs, Va., the Recording Secretary is Mrs. Percy S. Read; at Salem, Mass. First Church, Mrs. E. V. Emilio, and at Hackensack, N.J. Mrs. J. B. Brevoort, 57 Clinton Place.

The New England Associate Alliance will hold its next meeting with the branch at the First Church Cambridge, Mass. For the morning session at 10.45 o'clock. the subjects for consideration are Departments of National Alliance Work. What are Alliance branches doing for College Girls and Social Service of the Churches. After a box luncheon addresses will be

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, *President*
Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The fifth regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1908–1909 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1908, at 1 P.M. In the absence of the president, Vice President Sturtevant presided, and there were present: Mr. Harwood, Mr. Sharples, Mr. Shurtleff, Mr. Wahlberg, Miss Burrage, Miss Taylor, and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer no financial statement was possible.

Voted: to approve the *Word and Work* bill.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Saunderson with reference to his trip, and it was suggested that the secretary send the greetings of the Board to the president.

The Sales Committee had nothing to report as no meeting has been held as yet. The Editorial Committee reported that it had met and sent out 44 letters, to which a few replies have already been received.

The secretary was instructed to ask Mr. Wendte concerning any other organisations of young people in foreign countries.

The secretary read a letter from Rochester, N.Y., asking that the Y. P. R. U. sell the Gannett Calendar on commission.

Boston Federation

The semi-annual meeting for 1908 was held Nov. 30, at Dedham, Mass., 153 delegates attending the sessions.

The afternoon session was devoted entirely to business which consisted of reports of committees and the discussion of matters of interest to the federation. The entertainment committee reported $83 as the proceeds from the March entertainment. It was voted to accept the invitation of the Young People's Christian Union to meet with it on Jan. 18. It was also voted to have the annual entertainment in the latter part of February, 1909.

Rev. Edward A. Horton addressed the evening meeting on "Five Watchwords," and gave every one something to think about and profit by.

The meeting adjourned at 8.45, and was voted one of the most successful of any we have held in the six years of our existence.

O. Arthur McMurdie,
Secretary.

Banquet of the Boston Federation

The Boston Federation held its third annual banquet in the Church of the Disciples, Boston, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, 1908.

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After an abundant collation, the president of the federation, Mr. Sanford Bates,

Mr. Benjamin F. Trueblood, LL.D., secretary of the American Peace Society, who told of the work of this society. Dancing and a general good time followed.

Channing Federation

The Channing Federation of Young People held its semi-annual meeting with the young people of the Westminster Unitarian Church, Providence, R.I., Sunday, December 6, 1908.

The meeting was called to order at 4.30 P.M. by the President, Mr. Arthur W. Sampson of Fall River, who gave an opening address.

The regular business meeting followed the opening devotional service, the roll call resulting in responses from Fall River, Norton, Taunton, and Westminster Church, with a total attendance of about seventy-five delegates.

After the business meeting the Federation listened to a very interesting address by Mr. Paul E. Illman of Harvard, who, in his talk, endeavored to impress upon the young people the need of working with definite ideals in mind.

Rev. Harold G. Arnold brought to us a clear outline of the work laid out by the Policy Committee of the National Union and urged the guilds to do everything possible to help carry out the same.

The meeting adjourned about 6.15, after which a social hour was enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE L. COWLES,
Secretary.

Pilgrim Federation

The Pilgrim Federation of Unitarian young people held its annual meeting in

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted.

The secretary then cast one vote for the following officers: president, Mr. Harold Lyon; vice president, Mr. Arthur Ryder; secretary Miss Helen Keith; treasurer, Mr. Charles L. Nutter.

The chairman of the entertainment committee reported the progress of the play, giving the dates it was to be presented before the various unions. It was voted that the proceeds be divided the same as last year.

Another important question brought up was that a committee of three be chosen who should select one from the federation to become a Life Member in the National Union; and Miss Hazel Cooper was the decision of the committee.

Mr. Lyon then introduced Rev. Harold G. Arnold of Bridgewater who gave a very interesting talk on "Religious Helps in the Work." The collection was next taken, after which followed a social hour with games and refreshments by the Brockton Guild.

MAUDE C. NUTTER,
Secretary.

Special Y. P. R. U. Number of "The Unitarian"

The February number of *The Unitarian* by courtesy of the management, will be a Y. P. R. U. number, all the material from cover to cover dealing with matters pertaining to the young people's work. There will be articles on our past history, missionary work, and present condition, etc.,—intensely interesting reading for union members and older friends as well.

The preliminary work for this number has been put in the hands of two com-

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as usual; but a year's subscription can be had for fifty cents, one half the regular price. It is hoped that a large number will take this opportunity of subscribing. Union secretaries will hear more of the plan for accomplishing this later on. Meanwhile let everyone tell his friends about this and solicit orders for the February edition.

Y. P. R. U. and the Y. P. C. U.

By invitation of the Universalist young people there will be a joint meeting of the Y. P. R. U. and the Y. P. C. U. on Monday, January 18, at 7 o'clock, in the Second Universalist Church, Columbus Avenue, Boston. The speaker will be Prof. W. W. Fenn of Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge.

It is hoped that our young people in and around Boston will make a special effort to attend this meeting.

MAUDE C. YOUNG,
Chairman.

Field Work

As the material for our pages is about to go to the printer, the President has just returned from a four weeks' trip, some announcement of which was made in previous numbers of *Word and Work*. Mr. Saunderson has spoken in some churches where unions exist, and in some where unions do not exist, and has strengthened the work over a wide territory. Movements have been begun in a number of places, as a result of his visits, which give promise of resulting in new unions. In Toledo the Union was organized by Mr. Saunderson on a trip that he made about five years ago. The last meeting of the trip was in Montreal where the Channing Fraternity had invited represen-

Cleveland, Toledo; Davenport, Humboldt, Des Moines, and Keokuk in Iowa; Bloomington and Urbana in Illinois; Jackson, Ann Arbor, and Detroit in Michigan; London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal in Canada.

Union Notes

Disciples' Guild, Boston, Mass. "On Friday evening, Dec. 4, the Disciples' Guild celebrated its tenth anniversary. After the supper came a literary and musical program, the president, Miss Mary G. Stone, presiding. Miss Blanche A. Russell gave reminiscences of the work of the James Freeman Clarke Club, an organization of young people in the church which preceded the Disciples' Guild. Mr. Philip C. Nash spoke of the work of the Guild, its service to the church, etc. Mr. Sanford Bates, the president of the Boston Federation, brought appreciative greetings, paying a cordial tribute to the services rendered by the Disciples' Guild. Letters were read by Mr. E. Minot Talbot from Mr. Charles D. Richardson, a former president, and from the secretary of the National Union. Each year, as a part of the season's program, the Guild has considered the life of a great leader; and Channing, Emerson, Parker, and Clarke have furnished inspiring reading and study. It was fitting to crown the evening's celebration by an uplifting talk upon the life and works of John Milton, for which the Guild is indebted to Mr. Albert P. Walker, the headmaster of the Girl's High School, Boston. Mr. Frank Lynes rendered appropriate music. Mr. Edward A. Church expressed his appreciation of the ten years of the Guild's service to the church, honoring the occasion by delightful original verse. Rev. Chas. G. Ames, D.D.,

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Contributions. During the past month twenty additional societies have sent in their contributions for the national work. The good level is still maintained. It is a pleasure to welcome the first contributions from the little new churches in Santa Rosa, Cal., and Franklin, Pa., and to find the name of the church in Salem, Ore., restored to the list of givers. The contributions of these young societies are small, but give evidence of the interest and loyalty of ministers and people. A good round gain is reported in the contribution of the fine old First Parish in Milton, and encouraging gains have been made in the gifts of the churches in Waltham, Framingham, and Marlboro. The comparatively new church at New London, Conn., nearly doubles its contribution of last year. Wilmington, Del., Belmont, Mass., Charleston, S.C., and Madison, Wis., maintain their former good records. The complete budget for the year adopted by the Directors last May calls for expenditures amounting to $89,000. Of this sum there has now been received some $30,000. It remains for the

Journeys. The President of the Association left Boston the day after Christmas for a visit to some of the churches in the Rocky Mountain region and in the South-west. His appointments were at Denver, Colorado Springs, Col., Dallas, Tex., and Oklahoma, Okla.; and on his way homeward he stopped at Shelbyville, Ill., Indianapolis, Ind., and Cleveland, Ohio. He returned impressed with the opportunities of our cause in Texas and Oklahoma, and eager to develop our work in the fast-growing cities of the South-west.

Rev. Minot O. Simons of Cleveland will give the next six weeks to a visitation in the name of the Association to the churches in the Pacific Department. His Sunday appointments are: February 7th, Spokane, Wash.; February 14, Bellingham, Wash.; February 21, Salem and Hood River, Ore.; February 28, Woodland and Santa Rosa, Cal.; March 7, Redlands, Cal.; March 14, San Diego, Cal. Between these Sundays he will have opportunity of visiting practically all the other churches

kirk; February 28, Rev. A. M. Rihbany of Toledo; March 7, Rev. Thomas L. Clayton of Pittsburg; March 14, Rev. E. S. Wiers of Montclair, N.J. In connection with their visits to Cleveland, Mr. Forbes and Mr. Rihbany will visit the churches of the Meadville Conference, speaking and lecturing at Erie, Dunkirk, Meadville, Franklin, Pittsburg, Wheeling, Youngstown, Salem, and elsewhere.

Rev. Thomas Van Ness, in the name of the Association, gave the last week of January to a visitation of the churches in the Connecticut Valley Conference, beginning at Derby, Conn., on January 24, and then speaking at Chicopee, Amherst, Holyoke, Rowe, and Pittsfield.

Rev. Charles W. Casson, the secretary of the Publicity Department of the American Unitarian Association, has just returned from a most successful missionary trip in Canada and the North-west. In Ottawa, Can., he received an enthusiastic welcome from his former parishioners. On Saturday night, January 2, a complimentary banquet at the Grand Union Hotel was tendered him by the men of the society, resulting in the formation of a large Laymen's League. On Sunday large congregations attended the two services, with a reception given by the young people at the close of the evening service. In the evening Earl Grey, the Governor-General of Canada, and a party from Government House, attended the service.

In London, Can., and Green Bay, Wis., Mr. Casson spoke to good audiences on his publicity work. In Marinette, Wis., he followed up the interest aroused by the Paragraph Pulpit by lecturing in the Knights of Honor Hall, with the result that it was decided to hold regular meetings in the future, to be financed by the local group. Preaching in Duluth on

During the week beginning January 11, a special series of Unitarian meetings was held in Winnipeg, Man., under the charge of Rev. F. W. Pratt, the newly appointed field secretary for the Canadian North-west. Seven meetings were held; and, in spite of the fact that it was the coldest week in two years, with the thermometer thirty and forty degrees below zero, the audience was never less than a hundred. Mr. Casson spoke seven times in all,—three times at the Liberal Club Hall, once each at the Icelandic Church and the Fairburn Hall, in the West End, and twice in the Elite Theatre on Sunday. A growing interest was aroused, culminating in the evening service, when the theatre was filled to the doors, and many standing. At the close, many declared their intention to join the church, after hearing their first Unitarian sermon, most of these being young men. Several hundred stayed to a reception given Mr. Casson at the close. The Winnipeg work revealed wonderfully the vital power of the liberal faith when declared in the open, and the need and effectiveness of its proclamation.

Leaving Winnipeg, Mr. Casson spoke at Elkton and Brookings, S.D., missionary points in the circuit of Rev. Rett E. Olmstead. At Brookings a big sensational revival was in progress, with a specially built tabernacle. Recognizing a "psychological moment," Mr. Casson decided to stay over night to declare the other side of a great question. Hiring the Opera House, he had bills printed and circulated throughout the town, notices inserted in the weekly papers which happened to be issued that afternoon, and in the evening had an audience that filled the Opera House to its utmost capacity, even standing room being at a premium, and numbering at least eight hundred. After an hour and a half's lecture, he

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Portable Church. An interesting new enterprise entered into by the Directors of the Association is the construction of Portable Church No. 1. The design for this chapel has been made by Mr. E. D. Homer of the Board of Directors, and it has been constructed by the Gilbane Company of Providence. It has been shipped to Youngstown, Ohio, where it will be put together on the lot held by the Association for the use of the local society. The chapel is attractive in appearance and convenient in arrangement. It will make an admirable temporary church home for the new society. The use of such a building is particularly adapted to the Meadville district, where natural gas can be depended upon for light and heat; but such buildings might be made useful in the warmer climate of the South and South-west. The experiment which will first be tried at Youngstown is therefore an interesting one, and, if it works out successfully, may prove to be the solution of the problem of many a young society now forced to meet in an unattractive and inconvenient hall.

Union Evening Services. There are twenty-four Unitarian churches within the limits of the city of Boston, but not one of them has for several years past been opened for regular Sunday evening services. A good many of the leading churches, such as Arlington Street and King's Chapel, have afternoon vesper services; but there has been no opportunity to hear the Unitarian message in Boston on Sunday evenings. The Boston Association of Ministers has now inaugurated, in co-operation with the American [illegible] Association a series of union vivalists. A far-reaching revival campaign on the old-fashioned lines has been planned. The Unitarian evening services in the Second Church may therefore be lifted into no little significance and importance, for they will give the opportunity for the distinctive utterance of modern interpretations of religion as opposed to the ancient dogmas of the revivalists.

Publication Department. The recent work of the Publication Department can be summarized by saying that within the past few months seventeen books have been issued, twelve of which are absolutely new in book form and five new to the American Unitarian Association list, although having been previously issued in one form or another elsewhere. The month of December witnessed the largest total of sales of books which the Department has ever had, exceeding by twelve per cent. the highest previous record, the month of November, 1906. The range of subjects has presented the usual variety, and the standard of quality has at no time been higher. Thousands of circulars and "By-Ways to Books" were widely distributed. Press notices have been numerous and cordial, and give expression to a growing hospitality on the part of the secular press and Orthodox periodicals. Several church fairs and conferences, as well as Branch Alliances, have had books on sale, generally with gratifying results. It is hoped that in view of the ever-increasing and broadening list of American Unitarian Association books, these efforts to introduce them to the visible and tangible knowledge [illegible]

The plans for the immediate future include the issue of the life story of Rev. Jasper L. Douthit, entitled "Jasper Douthit's Story: The Autobiography of a Pioneer," which, with its fifteen or more illustrations, presents not only a graphic account of Mr. Douthit's many years of intense labor in his Chautauqua work at Lithia Springs, but a far from ordinary narrative of a life abounding in entertaining reminiscences. "Whose Son is Christ?" by Frederick Delitzsch, author of "Babel and Bible"; the sixth volume of "True American Types" Series, which will tell the true story of a typical life-saver of the Atlantic coast, written by the founder and Superintendent in Chief of the United States Life-Saving Service; and "The Religion of a Sensible American," by David Starr Jordan, are also announced.

A Proposed Federation of Religious Liberals of America

Ever since the International Congress of Religious Liberals in Boston, in September, 1907, the idea of a national federation of the free and religious elements of the United States and Canada has been entertained. The great international congresses are held at intervals of two or three years, and in different countries. The fifth one will be convened in Berlin, Germany, in August, 1910. It will be some years before it again assembles on American soil. In the mean time there is danger that the large and congenial fellowship which the Boston Congress brought into existence, and the liberaliz-

The Federation is to consist not only of religious associations, but also of individuals. It is obvious that besides the pronouncedly liberal denominations, such as the Universalists, Unitarians, Liberal Friends, Reformed Jews, and German Evangelical Churches, there is a considerable and growing liberal element in many churches of the land which bear orthodox names. There is also a multitude of intelligent, free, and, at heart, religiously minded men and women attached to no sect, devotees of no creed, to whom such an association of liberals ought especially to appeal, and in whose interest its activities should be largely directed.

At a preliminary meeting at Philadelphia, on December 3, a score of men and women of standing and influence, representing six liberal fellowships, were present. Others, prevented from coming, sent telegrams and letters expressing their sympathy and promising to co-operate with the movement. Provisional articles were adopted. The Preamble reads: "The purpose of the federation is to promote the religious life, by united testimony for sincerity, freedom, and progress in religion, a fellowship of the spirit beyond the lines of sect and creed, and by social service."

The third article adopted provides for a provisional council of twenty-five men and women, widely representative of liberal religious opinion, to whom the conduct and promotion of the federation, for the present, is committed. This committee has since been appointed.

It was also agreed that participation in

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National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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The most prominent event of the past month has been the meeting of the Executive Board held in Philadelphia on January eighth. With an earnest wish to make the Alliance really national and to enable each member of the board to attend some of the meetings, a place outside of Boston is occasionally selected. At the meeting in Philadelphia were present Miss Low, the President, the Vice President of the Middle States, the Treasurer and both Secretaries and Directors from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland and District of Columbia.

The usual routine business was done, some of the committee reports being unusually full and interesting. Miss Low spoke of her approaching trip to Canada and presented the following schedule of visits:—February 1st at London, 2d at Hamilton, 3d and 4th at Toronto, 5th and 6th at Ottawa, 7th and 8th at Montreal, 9th at Burlington, Vermont, 10th at Montpelier, 11th arrive in Boston in time for the board meeting on the 12th. All members of these branches should try to meet Miss Low, who is making an extra effort to take this journey.

The Corresponding Secretary announced her approaching visit to Meadville, where she had been invited to address the students. She will also attend the Meadville Conference at Youngstown, Ohio.

The treasurer gave a detailed description of the National committee with five members present and the monthly conference of workers with twenty-two present, both at headquarters. "The work is very much alive this year and it seems apparent that the fact that the President-elect is a Unitarian has awakened a serious interest in the faith which we hold.

Through the Post Office Mission committee the Alliance has received the most useful gift of two large screens for use at headquarters. The building is now so completely occupied that more than one committee must sometimes meet in a room and the screens, which were given by Mrs. Henry S. Grew, will be much appreciated.

The Cheerful Letter Exchange reported continued good work. The chairman has visited one branch and addressed the Tuckerman School.

From the committee on Southern circuit work was learned that Mr. Gibson has now located himself at Apalachicola, Florida, which is central for the Faceville-Bristol circuit and will enable him to work in Apalachicola and Carrabelle where a movement was once started. In North Carolina Christmas services were held at Swansboro and the children had a Christmas Tree at the same time. At Shelter Neck there was an entertainment on Christmas Eve and a special service on the following Sunday. On Saturday night Mr. Key, who has been preaching in several new places, gave a talk with the

been a good demand for the Leaflet "Great Hymns of our Faith and their Authors." Letters of appreciation and thanks are received for boxes of books recently sent. From the Circulating Library an average of fifty books each month are sent to persons all over the country. A men's club in South Dakota of which the president is a Presbyterian minister, has undertaken a course of reading from this library. Ministers, P. O. Mission correspondents and Alliance members who write papers all find the library most useful.

The committee on College Girls reported that colleges for women in towns where there are Unitarian churches have been selected, and letters will soon be sent to the presidents of the Alliance branches in such towns asking what has been their custom with reference to the college girls who come among them? What has been done to interest them in the local church? What by way of social gatherings? What of the nature of social service, boys' clubs, girls' clubs, sewing classes, etc.? What suggestions can they make to the committee from their own experience that we may pass on to others to help preserve the loyalty of our own young people? Is there any member of the local Alliance who is an alumna of the college who would be interested to help our committee? They hope, too, to send an appeal to all branches to see to it that when their girls go away to college they be told of the Unitarian church in the college town, its minister's name, etc. Also that the name be sent to the minister of the college town church. Some ministers do this, others neglect it, and some prompting is needed

A new Unitarian Church was opened in December in West Hampstead, London, England. It was erected at a cost of £3,500 as a memorial to the late Rev. Dr. Brooke Herford, who was mainly instrumental in raising the funds by which the site was purchased, and the church hall hitherto used, erected. The Rev. Dr. J. Estlin Carpenter, principal of Manchester College, Oxford, preached at the opening service.

If any church has from a dozen to twenty Kindergarten chairs to spare, they will be much appreciated at Andover, N.H., where the Kindergarten is the most successful feature of the parish. At present they have only high wooden benches. A piano is also needed.

A vote of thanks has been passed by the Trustees of the Dunbarton, N.H., Public Library, to all who have aided in replacing their library. About four hundred volumes have been received. Efforts are now being made to secure a new library building. The books are at present circulated from the house of one of the Trustees. Any one having additional books to send, may address Mr. John W. Farrar, Concord, N.H., or send through The Cheerful Letter Exchange, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

Alliance members may well feel happy at the election of Prof. A. Lawrence Lowell as President of Harvard University, Prof. Lowell being a Unitarian and Mrs. Lowell the President of the branch at King's Chapel, Boston. With President Taft

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was required to have earned at least one dollar and to tell how it was earned. Mr. and Mrs. Catlin were unavoidably absent and sent their contribution as follows:—

Twenty parcels carried and thus a dollar earned
Two capacious shoe bags sewed, a pretty penny turned
Made some anti-moth bags—'twas profitable quite
Displayed a photograph of self to friends! So much a sight.
Twice took rides in dismal cars with dust and dirt infested
And saved a bit where otherwise in Pullman style I'd rested.
Behold the proceeds fairly earned however oddly! So
With easy conscience by your leave to Boston town I'll go.
But oh, despite my absence in the flesh I beg to say
I'm with you in the spirit in the good old fashioned way.

MARY LOUISE CATLIN.

I earned a dollar, permit me to say
In such a funny, preposterous way.
Carried no "parcels" excepting myself,
Made a poor fist at the saving of pelf.
When in one pocket a penny I'd hold,
Two from the other in spite of me rolled.
Couldn't save anything—nevertheless
I found a chance in my dire distress
Chance to make sure of the dollar desired.
What do you think? Why you see I was hired
Just to do "tinkering," line upon line,
Shaping her couplets—that come before mine.

CHARLES T. CATLIN.

Appeals now before the branches:—

Andover, N.H. $645
Iowa City Ia. 359

The appeal for Andover is for the church, and not for Proctor Academy.

The reports from Canada and the Middle States were most satisfactory. A synopsis follows.

The Hamilton branch has held meetings evening was spent with Miss Oates, who showed Jupiter, Saturn and the Moon through her telescope; a supper and a bazaar cleared about $150. The members have decided to undertake "Talent work."

The Ottawa branch hopes to report a much increased membership, as the meetings have been unusually well attended, and a greater interest taken in Alliance work generally. The P. O. M. work has been pushed quite vigorously: money voted to advertise Liberal Literature, and The Unitarian has been placed in the Public Library. Papers on the Liberal Religious Movements and their Leaders in other countries are proving most interesting. This branch took part, as in other years, in the annual contribution by the churches of the city to the local hospitals, and other charitable institutions. Christmas gifts were sent to the Salvation Army Rescue Home. An entertainment in aid of the Victorian Order of Nurses made about $40, and the branch gave $200 to the church fund, which was $50 better than last year.

The Montreal branch opened the season in October with determination to make this winter's work both interesting and helpful. A good literary program has been arranged, and the average attendance at the meetings so far has been 35. The Samaritan Society made garments, which were distributed just before Christmas to local charitable institutions and private families. The denominational Temperance Work has been recommended and the sending of delegates to denominational conferences as far as funds allow. The Appeals for Andover, N.H. and for Iowa City have been met with $3 each. At a bazaar held Dec. 2d the Book table was a new feature. The Publication Department of the A. U. A. sent two dozen books, paid express, and allowed a liberal discount. Thirty-one books were sold, duplicate orders being taken, and although the duty on books into Canada is 10 per cent. a nice sum was cleared, besides being a means of bringing before our people our denominational books, which cannot be procured in local bookstores. The sum realized from the sale is $537.77. An illustrated lecture on India is to be given in January and the ladies are looking forward to Miss Low's visit in February with a great deal of pleasure.

The London (Ont.) branch reports holding meetings on Friday evening of each week,—the first for business, the second and fourth literary, the third social. Have had excellent meetings, and the attendance has been good. Each member contributes 10c per week

is very popular. Suppers are served fortnightly and the women contribute generously to the running expenses of the church which are unusually heavy this year. The church building is new and has to be furnished, sidewalks have to be constructed and the grounds cared for.

The branch at All Souls, Schenectady, is making a study of prominent Old Testament characters, with steadily growing interest. Since October $200 has been raised by sales.

At Rochester, N.Y., with a new president, in whom the branch feels itself most fortunate, the work goes on unimpaired. At the fortnightly meetings selections are read from choice books followed by a friendly chat over the teacups. The annual sale and supper provides funds for the year's work. Most of the proceeds go to the home church but a good proportion assists local charities. The building of a new parish house is in contemplation and several small schemes are on foot to gather funds. A Neighborhood Friendly is doing excellent work with sixty little girls Saturday mornings. They are taught many details of housework and sewing, with occasionally music and dancing, and several times during the season the parents are invited. Eighteen Thanksgiving baskets were filled with complete dinners and sent to needy families. Before the holidays a six o'clock pledge was advocated for early closing of stores to relieve saleswomen, a league button being worn by those interested.

The Alliance Branch of Ithaca, N.Y., is working earnestly and harmoniously with small resources and no social prestige in the community. The church is primarily a missionary church. The Sunday audiences are largely made up of students and strangers and numbers of the P. O. M. sermons are taken after each service. This branch is unusual, including in its membership women from both the orthodox and Jewish churches. Last year's program was devoted to a careful study of local charities and their needs, in the hope of making the members more intelligent in their giving. Besides caring for the sick and poor of the congregation, sums have been given from $5 to $25 to each of the philanthropic activities of the city. Of $264.88 received $104.25 was spent in this way. The branch also pays many of the running expenses of the church. The printed program for the current year gives an attractive series of subjects relating to health in the home and society, with a list of members and their addresses.

The Jamestown, N.Y. Liberal Christian Guild meets monthly during the entire year, with other less formal meetings at intervals. At least one half hour of the regular meetings is devoted to the reading of good literature, informal way at one of the homes, thus helping to promote unity and good feeling.

The Gouverneur, N.Y. branch rejoices in a dozen new members. This autumn a silk stocking social (tiny socks sent out to be returned with money) netted about $16 and a Christmas sale of fancy articles and cooked food realized $50. With the help of Mr. Treworgy several meetings have been spent in the study of Adelaide Proctor's poems, and with the aid of Study Class Leaflet IX, in the discussion of Unitarian belief. This branch is glad to feel itself strengthened by being a part of the national organization.

The Alliance Branch of the May Memorial Church, Syracuse, N.Y. has held during the past year nine regular and several special meetings. The annual Department Store in which the Alliance joined with the Sunday School and the League, was as usual a great success, the receipts amounting to $581.54. A food sale netted $49.50. A Washington's birthday party proved a satisfactory means of raising funds, $80.10 being received. A sociable was most enjoyable. The various committees have done effective work. At the literary meetings papers of much importance have been read. The P. O. M. Committee has rendered splendid service. A large number of sermons, mostly by Dr. Calthrop, have been sent in exchange to other cities. The sermons received are placed in the vestibule of the church. Two copies of Dr. Calthrop's "God and His World" were presented to the branch by Mrs. Hiscock. These copies were sent to Mrs. Lord of Boston and placed in the Lending Library of the National Alliance.

The Alliance Branch of the First Unitarian Church of Buffalo is at present overshadowed by the strong and active Benevolent Association which still holds a leading position in the women's work of the church, after seventy years of service. Though the Alliance membership and attendance are not large the meetings are highly valued. The members are kept in touch with the wider denominational work and with the aims of the Alliance as a whole. This winter much interest has been awakened in a series of lectures by Mr. Boynton on the life of Channing. Attendance at the meetings has been materially increased by sending a program of the lectures to each woman in the church. Contributions were made to the Butte, Boisé and Jacksonville churches, to Meadville and the Paragraph Pulpit. The P. O. M. continues to send large numbers of sermons to addresses furnished by Mr. Gilpin of London, Ontario.

The Parkside (Buffalo) branch is bravely going on, small in numbers, but very earnest

"The eleven branches in my section," reports the Director for southern New York, "are strong and active, each doing what seems best fitted for its members. Literary meetings alternating with those for sewing are the custom in several branches, while in others sewing is given up altogether." All Souls, and Messiah, N.Y. do not begin their season until November, and more will be accomplished in the months to come than in those just past; also in that section appropriations of money are not made until spring.

Beginning at the north, at Newburgh nearly every woman in the church is a member of the Alliance, and there are also a few from other churches. A fair raised money for organist and choir; money is also earned by taking orders for sewing. Five dollars has been sent to Highland Springs and fancy articles to Pueblo.

Yonkers has 42 members, who meet every two weeks either for sewing or to listen to a paper on some helpful topic; $302 made at a sale was given to the trustees. P. O. Mission has 23 correspondents. Advertisements have been placed in the "Commoner," of Nebraska, and two Yonkers papers and applications for literature are now coming in. The Cheerful Letter committee has 12 names on its list.

Lenox Avenue Branch has a membership of 116. The program prepared by the committee on literature is always enjoyed by members and guests. "Arbitration," "Friendships of Women," "Music and Art of To-day," being some of the topics this year. The most interesting item is the formation of a circle of "college graduates" by the Alliance. Eight members have already joined, and much interest in Alliance work has been awakened. Many appeals have been answered.

At the Church of the Messiah, N.Y. Mr. Holmes, the minister, is giving a series of talks on Paul and the beginnings of Christian History. The Travelling Library committee now has 14 libraries circulating among ministers. A fair held in December cleared $300. A reception and teas are planned to aid the social life of the church.

All Souls, N.Y. continues the plan so successfully carried on in the past, of meetings every week, with talks on Emerson and Browning by the minister. A large number of women attend, not all Unitarians, who often join the Alliance later. Post Office Mission is large.

The Samaritan Alliance, Brooklyn, N.Y. with 97 members, holds alternate meetings for sewing and literary work, generally a paper on some interesting topic; music added makes a pleasant afternoon. This Alliance has a very delightful

on literature and adjourns for luncheon provided by a number of the ladies in turn. $200 has been given to the trustees and some new furnishings for the church. The annual pledge for Southern work continues. A meeting in which the whole society was interested planned by the Alliance and called an "Experience meeting" was given early in the season. An admission fee of 10 cents was charged and those present told their experience in earning a dollar, many in rhyme.

Unity Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., branch follows the custom of the 2d church in having a morning meeting. A social reunion was held in November, bringing the members of the church together after the vacation. A study class is under the direction of Mrs. Franklin Hooper. The Alliance furnishes the flowers for the pulpit and has given ten dollars toward the Christmas festivity of the Sunday School.

Flatbush, N.Y. has held a successful fair making $500 and giving the trustees $427 for interest on loan from A. U. A. The subject for the regular meetings is "Church History" and many interesting papers have been given. A Christmas box was sent to South Carolina by the Cheerful Letter Committee and much aid has been given to destitute people in Flatbush. The "dollar social" was tried here with success.

South Brooklyn, N.Y. branch is growing vigorously and now has 24 members. Meetings are held every two weeks, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, as many of the members are employed during the daytime. A fair lasting the whole week, was held and $56 raised, $35 being given to the church treasury and five dollars for the S. S. Christmas festival. This group of women appreciate very much the spirit of fellowship which was shown by other branches sending many pleasant letters, and contributions for the fair.

The Staten Island branch numbers 41, nearly every woman in the church being an Alliance member. The fair in November cleared $318 divided between Alliance and fund for Parish House.

The Flushing branch has held its meetings once a month at which a religious news report has been given and usually a paper is read. A social hour with the cup of tea, ends the afternoon.

The regular meeting of the New York League was held at the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, New York City, on Thursday, January 7th, about 120 present, every branch being represented, and seven new members announced. The Religious News report mentioned the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in Phila-

resignation, and the proposed abandonment of Old St. John's by the Trinity Corporation. The speaker of the day was Mrs. John A. Martin on "The Use and Abuse of Socialism."

The branches in New Jersey are active, each having sent a report through the Director. The Antoinette Brown Blackwell branch at Elizabeth is happy and prosperous in its new church. Social and charitable work is well done and P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter committees accomplish much. A Welcome committee has for its motto "Make the stranger welcome."

At Hackensack instead of a sale the members made an Easter offering of money with good result and no trouble. A Cheerful Letter Committee and a Junior Alliance have been inaugurated this year.

The branch at Montclair is the largest in New Jersey. In various ways $452 have been raised, one third being given to local charity and two thirds to the church. This sum was in addition to $255 appropriated to Alliance work. P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter under fine management with excellent results.

The Orange branch is doing excellent work along all lines. A study class meets during the session of the Sunday school. Has given this year $375 to the church for organist and running expenses.

Passaic reports a successful fair and plans for a permanent library in a South Jersey town.

The secretary of the Plainfield branch at the end of an admirable report showing active work and generous gifts says "Our meetings have been well attended and we feel no lack of courage in facing the coming New Year."

The branch at Ridgewood in spite of all discouragements has held regular meetings, started a Sunday school, held two successful fairs, made the eighth payment to the Loan Fund and saved $100 towards the next payment.

The Rutherford branch meets all the year, often in summer meeting out of doors. The pastor has given a series of talks on Hymns and Hymn Writers. Contributions have been made to church and Alliance and $100 given towards a new roof for the church. A Junior Alliance does much of the Cheerful Letter work and supports a bed in a Home for Crippled Children.

At Summit, meetings are held twice each month, devoted to sewing and reading. An extra afternoon is given to social and literary entertainment and an occasional open meeting is held. "An earnest endeavor is being made to be of real assistance to the poor of the community, and to spread the thoughts and sentiments of Unitarianism."

The annual meeting of the New Jersey Asso-

They have two meetings each month; at one supper is served; the second, which is for study, they have been devoting to the modern drama and thus far, four of Ibsen's plays have been read and have proved most delightful. Some of their members have given two acted plays and a third is in process of study. The Round Table dinners are still given and about $24 is made at each one. Prof. Christy read "A Servant in the House" which enriched them $34. They are working toward an addition to their parish home which is much needed. All appeals have been answered and several students have been helped.

Since the opening of the year the Pittsburg branch has been very active, having given a Church supper, a lecture by Prof. Griggs, and a Thanksgiving Sale. Every Wednesday they serve a hot luncheon to the members and a small fee is charged, the proceeds used for Alliance work. This lunch is a necessity as the members come early to sew and remain for the afternoon program. The first Wednesday of each month is for business, second Bible study, third, Musical and Literary, fourth Comparative Religions. They find that the musical and literary program attracts the young people who are given the management of much of this day. The majority of the members are National ones but lately fifteen women have been made Honorary Members as they are mostly professional workers and cannot attend the meetings often, yet desire to be connected with the Alliance.

The small Branch of eleven members at Newcastle, Pa. meets each week on Tuesday evenings. All their efforts are toward helping to increase their funds and the sociability of the young Society. The entire number are workers and quite regular in attendance and interest.

Franklin, Pa. a Branch of fourteen members meets every Wednesday afternoon at the home of one of the members where they make various articles which are later sold. Once each month they hold a social of some kind, varied in character, and in this way a little money is made and a pleasant feeling engendered. Since the last report a settled minister has been called. This is felt to be a decided step in advance from the Sunday sermon of varied people from Meadville.

Every month a meeting is held by the Samuel Longfellow Guild of Germantown, at which time the first part of the morning is devoted to business and practical work and the latter to listening to a speaker. The Philadelphia Alliance has been entertained with lunch and a large supper given to the members of the Congregation before the Annual Meeting. Fancy articles

Miss E. D. Steele Corresponding secretary. Program and religious committees were formed. "We intend to do general alliance work, hoping through it to advance the church, ourselves and the community at large."

Spring Garden Branch, Philadelphia, a steady body of workers meets regularly and in many ways advances the helpfulness of the church. Besides the usual avenues of woman's work, such as suppers, a fair, and entertaining the Phila. Alliance, they send away each month garments and reading matter. Boxes and barrels go south to Miss Fessenden and Miss Frost and also to Mrs. Peterson. At the meetings part of the time is given to some literary subject and Mr. Hinckley gives interesting résumés of current events.

The Wilmington, Delaware, Branch hold meetings once a month and plan to have a social meeting every third Monday. On Dec. 12th a sale was held for the church and cleared $46.

The Philadelphia Alliance Branches have become a League, under the name of the Philadelphia League, being governed much as the New York League and having Branches in all the Churches composing it, with the exception of Vineland. The monthly meetings are well attended with an average of ninety. The membership roll contains 149 names. At the November meeting Mrs. Baker of So. Brooklyn spoke, telling of the work of herself and husband in that part of the city where the small band of workers represent the only liberal movement known. A collection of $84 was taken up for this object. The League was most happy to celebrate its birth, by a gift of $115 to our sister church in Vineland, where we have so often been welcomed and delightfully entertained. All appeals for fairs have been answered and the P. O. Mission has done active service, having sent out 381 sermons and 375 pamphlets with many personal letters, since the opening of this Autumn's work.

Erie, Pa. reports full meetings and greater interest than ever before. They have served several successful lunches, dinners and suppers which have added to the treasury. On Hallowe'en an entertainment and supper was given and later a dollar Social which proved most successful. Besides these practical efforts they have literary and ethical meetings with addresses and papers by the members and specialists.

The active young Society at Lancaster, Pa. has all the enthusiasm which a new church and an able, settled minister gives, and its report is Methods of Care of Children, The House Beautiful, Experiments in Diet, Temperance Work in our Churches, The Emmanuel Movement. At each, a specialist on the subject addresses the meeting. The Alliance has promised to raise $1,000 toward the furnishing of the new Church and through their own work they have already $850.

The branch at Washington, D.C. reports "The season opened with the usual cordiality between the members, the same desire to carry on the purposes of the organization which has heretofore characterized the Branch. Preparations were immediately set in motion for the annual Sale which was held in December, the gratifying sum of $700 being realized. The annual sum of $16.00 contributed to the Southern circuit work has been increased to $20.00; $25.00 sent to the Southern Industrial Institute at Camp Hill, Ala. for a student, and numerous appeals for Sales were answered. The work of the Post Office Mission Committee has been resumed and is progressing favorably. The ladies of the committee meet in the chapel every Monday morning to attend to the large correspondence, sending out much literature. At the meetings thus far the members have been interested, after the business has been dispatched, with papers and addresses, among them a paper on Pagan Hymns to be followed by others on Hymns and Hymn Writers. An experiment is being tried to lessen the work of the Cor. Secretary. The sending of cards announcing the meetings has been abandoned and a calendar printed and distributed which gives dates of meetings, subjects of papers, names of members, and other information."

The Baltimore Md. Branch of the Alliance resumed work in October and has met regularly each month. With an increased membership an increased interest has developed. A committee has prepared an excellent program for the winter's work, which is being carried out most satisfactorily. A stereopticon has been purchased, which was used for the first time the evening of the Christmas festival. A lunch sale and supper held in November was both a financial and social success; other means for raising money, provide for lectures, song recitals, etc. during the winter. All letters and appeals have been answered. The P. O. Mission is active, but grows slowly. This Branch is doing the best it can to promote a lively interest in our cause, despite its unsympathetic

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Special Board Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1908, at 1 P.M. Pres. Saunderson presided and there were present: Miss Floyd, Miss Taylor, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Sturtevant, Mr. Wahlberg, and the secretary.

The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the president's report of his four weeks' trip, having travelled during that time 3,500 miles, visited 17 places, and made 22 addresses.

Mr. Saunderson spoke of his trip in detail, telling the story of each church and union, and indicating general results as well as several incidental ones. Maps with the trip marked in red ink were distributed, making the route especially interesting to follow.

Voted: to authorise the Field Work Committee to plan for other trips during this year.

Voted: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The sixth regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1908–1909 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1909, at 1 P.M. Pres. Saunderson presided and there were present: Miss Floyd, Miss Taylor, Messrs. Harwood, McMurdie, Sharples, Shurtleff, [illegible] and the secretary.

man School, on Thursday, Jan. 14, to be given by Mr. Saunderson on the Y. P. R. U., as well as to the union meeting of the Universalist and Unitarian young people in the neighborbood of Boston, on Monday evening, Jan. 18, at the Second Universalist Church, Columbus Ave., and a good attendance urged on both these occasions.

The question of holding a fair was brought up and discussed.

Voted: that Miss Floyd be appointed Chairman of the next fair.

Voted: that Miss Floyd be authorised to appoint a committee of four others to work with her, as the general committee on the fair.

The president spoke of our making a special effort to bring into our National Fellowship all young peoples' organizations not already affiliated.

Voted: to print our annual report this coming year on pages the same size as the Unitarian year book.

In connection with the publication of the Y. P. R. U. number of the *Unitarian* it was

Voted: to authorise the president to arrange with the editor of the *Unitarian* for the sending of the February number to all ministers not already having copies of the publication.

Mr. Walhberg was added to the Sales Committee for the February *Unitarian.*

Voted: that the thanks of the Board be tendered Mr. Saunderson for the effective work accomplished on his recent trip.

Voted: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr, *Secretary.*

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for the local treasury, and thus enable the society to make its contribution to the National Union before that time.

Those unions, not having contributed to the National treasury for two successive years, will be dropped from the roll, according to a vote passed at the annual meeting two years ago: and in no case is a union entitled to its three delegates to the annual meeting, if its dues for the year remain unpaid. It is inferred that this word to the wise will bear fruit, then.

Several unions have previously sent in pledges and these are being gradually paid; but no word has yet been heard from a great many of the unions. Will the secretaries of such unions please ascertain what action, if any, was taken upon the letter of the Finance Committee, received last November, and communicate this to headquarters?

Norfolk Federation

At a recent meeting of the young people in and about Walpole, Mass. to organize a federation, Mr. Palfrey Perkins spoke on the federation movement and the following officers of what is to be known as the Norfolk Federation were elected: president, Rev. L. C. Dethlefs of Walpole; vice president, Mrs. Keyes of Medfield; secretary, Miss Caroline Spear of Walpole; treasurer, Mr. Richard C. Lincoln of Medfield; directors, Rev. A. H. Spence, Jr., Mr. J. Leach, and Miss Ella Knobel.

The next meeting is to take place at Medfield, on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 7.30, when Mr. Frederic G. Melcher is expected to speak.

The Boston Federation

as last year. The following unions will take part: Quincy—Japanese solo and chorus; Winkley Guild—black face sketch; Nathaniel Hall—fancy dancing; All Souls' Fraternity—musical chorus; Lawrance Union—impersonations; Winthrop—original sketch, "Mice at Play"; Roslindale—short sketch, "All on account of a Lobster."

This entertainment is to raise money to carry on the work of the federation, and all friends are urged to support it. Tickets at 50 cents each may be purchased from members of the entertainment committee or at the door.

Special Number of "The Unitarian"

Every union secretary has received a notice of the special February number of the *Unitarian* that is devoted wholly to the work of our own young people. The usual price per single copy is 10c. but a special rate of 50c. for a year's subscription, beginning with the February number, is most generously offered by the management of the above periodical. This reduction to half price is an exceptional opportunity to subscribe to one of the best, up-to-date, Unitarian magazines on the market and is one that all our young people and older friends and well-wishers cannot afford to miss. Ask your local secretary about this matter or write *at once* directly to the National Secretary, Miss Torr.

Y. P. R. U. and Y. P. C. U.

At the union meeting of the Y. P. R. U. and the Y. P. C. U. on Monday evening, Jan. 18, at the Second Universalist Church, Columbus Avenue, Boston, a

Later the company adjourned to the church auditorium where Rev. S. H. Roblin, D.D., pastor of the church, led an uplifting devotional service and Rev. W. W. Fenn, D.D., dean of the Harvard Divinity School, gave an able address on "The Privileges of Church Membership." Prof. Fenn was listened to with the closest attention, pronouncing the benediction that closed what may be considered a very successful gathering.

Life Memberships

A Life Membership in the National Union costs but $10 and the money is placed in what is known as the Reserve Fund, that is kept intact, the income of which only can be used. $10 is not a large sum for any union to raise in order to make one of its officers or efficient workers a life member: each federation might do the same. It may be remembered that the Boston Federation voted last year to add one name to our list annually, and the Pilgrim Federation recently gave us another member, Miss Hazel W. Cooper, Brockton, Mass. The latest is that of Mrs. Edith R. White, Indio, Riverside Co., California, bringing the membership to 82.

The Tuckerman School

It may perhaps not be widely known among our young people that the Tuckerman School, in Channing Hall, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., has included in its course a series of lectures open to the public. These take place at half past ten o'clock Thursday forenoons, when president, Mr. Saunderson, spoke on the work of the National Union, its policy, ideals, etc., outlining in graphic words his recent trip by means of a map, all of which created discussion at the close. Mrs. Clara Guild, the dean of this Tuckerman School, will be glad to answer questions about the school and to welcome our young people to any and all of these lectures.

Secretary Changes

The following changes in secretaries are noted:

Houlton, Me. (s) Mr. George Hall.
Brockton, Mass. (s) Miss Mildred Johnson.
Haskell Union. (s) Mr. P. V. Wells, 15 Fairview St.
Littleton, Mass. (s) Miss Cora Davis.
Medfield, Mass. (s) Mr. Orion Wight.
Quincy, Mass. (s) Miss Beatrice Morrison, 19 Spear St.
Wollaston, Mass. (s) Miss L. H. Thayer.
Worcester, Mass. South Unitarian (s) Mr. Wesley R. Warren, 875 Mun St.
Ann Arbor, Mich. (s) Miss Ada B. Clark, 500 William St., E.
Kalamazoo, Mich. (s) Mr. Fred L. Calkins, Simpson St.
Montclair, N.Y. (s) Miss Florence Bradley.
Bellingham, Wash. (s) Miss Grace Waikle, 176 21st St., So. Bellingham.

Union Notes

West Bridgewater, Mass. "The Y. P. R. U. are having a very interesting and helpful season, meetings being held the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month at the homes of the members, usually with a large attendance. The pastor reads a portion of the book "The People of the Ages." We have also been favored with an interesting talk by Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell of Brockton, and on Sunday evening, Jan. 10, the union en-

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union. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was not as large as desired, but a fair sum was realized. The union is still helping the church in various ways and we hope to continue the good work in love and faith, working together for the good of all."

Charleston, S.C. "This year we are trying a new plan among our Guild members, just to arouse more interest: we bought an electric reflectroscope and will have free lectures with illustrated pictures. At our first meeting all were pleased with the success of our undertaking and we hope to have a larger attendance as the scheme is more fully known. We have given each member five postcards announcing this fact; these are to be mailed to friends who may be interested. In this way we hope more fully to advertise our library and our work. This is the only free library in Charleston, having over 20,000 volumes; is non-sectarian; is supported entirely by voluntary contributions; and has a present patronage of 168."

Points and Lines

Owing to a misunderstanding last month's issue contained a statement that the young people's society of Roslindale had reorganized under the name of the Haskell Union. The older society, the Unity Club, still exists and holds its meetings on week day evenings as formerly; so a strictly religious society, called the Haskell Union, has been organized for Sunday evening meetings. The younger members of the parish and many of the Unity Club attend these meetings. (The secretary is glad to make these corrections when necessary.)

well as the names and addresses of young people away from home should be sent the chairman, Miss Marguerite Fellows, 142 Homer St., Newton Centre, Mass.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 17, the president spoke to the Nathaniel Hall society of Dorchester, to which meeting the other Dorchester societies were invited. An account of his four weeks' trip was given illustrated with a map of the United States. Owing to the storm, only a small number attended, but these expressed themselves well repaid for their trouble.

Speaking Committee

The speaking committee has filled the following engagements during the fall and winter :—

Oct. 4, Mr. O. A. McMurdie, at Harvard, Mass.
Oct. 7–9, Rev. Charles P. Wellman, at Iowa Conference, Des Moines, Iowa.
Oct. 11, Miss Emma R. Ross, at Winthrop, Mass.
Oct. 18, Rev. H. H. Saunderson, at So. Middlesex Federation, East Lexington, Mass.
Oct. 18, Mr. Percy A. Atherton, " "
Oct. 19–21, Rev. Henry W. Foote, at Michigan Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Oct. 25, Rev. H. H. Saunderson, at Wollaston, Mass.
Oct. 25, Rev. F. R. Sturtevant, at Winthrop, Mass.
Oct. 25, Rev. I. P. Quimby, at So. Worcester Federation, Westboro, Mass.
Nov. 1, Rev. H. H. Saunderson, at Newton, Mass.
Nov. 1, Mr. O. A. McMurdie, at Winthrop, Mass.
Nov. 8, Rev. Harold G. Arnold, at Concord, Mass.
Nov. 8, Rev. H. H. Saunderson, at Winchester, Mass.
Nov. 12, Rev. H. H. Saunderson, at Middle States Conference, Troy, N.Y.
Nov. 13, Rev. Charles W. Casson, at Essex Federation, Danvers, Mass.
Nov. 13, Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, " "
Nov. 22, Mr. Joseph A. Harwood, at Marlboro, Mass.
Nov. 22, Mr. Herman Peters, at Wollaston, Mass.
Nov. 29, Rev. E. J. Prescott, at Medfield, Mass.
Dec. 5, Mr. Palfrey Perkins, at Norfolk Federation, Walpole, Mass.

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. George L. Mason, formerly of Rochester, N.H., has taken charge of the chapel at Green Harbor, Mass. Rev. W. C. Adams, formerly of Barnstable, Mass., has accepted a call to the societies at Dover and Rochester, N.H. Rev. C. N. Myers has accepted a call to Stoneham, Mass. Rev. A. J. Collison, recently admitted to fellowship by the Middle States Committee, has taken charge of the work at McKeesport, Pa. Rev. V. J. Gilpin has resigned at London, Ontario, and the society is at present holding services under the direction of Rev. W. D. Smith, of Hamilton. Rev. E. J. Watson has resigned at San Diego, Cal., and will take charge for four months of the work at Eureka, Cal. Rev. David Leisk, recently admitted to fellowship by the Pacific Coast Committee, is holding a series of meetings at San Luis Obispo, and Rev. Maxwell Savage is preaching a series of sermons at San Bernardino, Cal. President Southworth, of the Meadville Theological School, and his family, have sailed for Europe. He will spend the spring and summer in

plied during his absence by Prof. B. E. Howard, of the Leland Stanford University.

The Federation. The preparations for the First Congress of the National Federation of Religious Liberals, to be held under the auspices of the Religious Society of Friends at their meeting-house in Philadelphia, April 27–30, inclusive, are going forward steadily and encouragingly. The programme is one of great interest, and the co-operation of the speakers who have already accepted invitations to address the meeting promises a very significant gathering. Among the speakers are to be Attorney General C. J. Bonaparte, Hon. Oscar S. Straus, Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Prof. G. B. Foster, of the University of Chicago; Prof. F. G. Peabody, of Harvard University; ex-Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., of Massachusetts; Dr. Phillipson, of Cincinnati, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Dr. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee; Mr. Alexander Johnson, of Fort Wayne, Ind., Secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Cor-

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coln Centre, of Chicago; and Rev. John Haynes Holmes, of New York. The local committee in Philadelphia is making plans for the reception and the social gatherings. Friends, Unitarians, Universalists, Baptists, and Jews unite in the work of this committee. It is to be hoped that many people from all parts of the country who are interested in unity of the liberal religious forces of the nation will plan to be present at the congress.

Dedication. The fine new church at Jacksonville, Fla., was dedicated on Wednesday evening, February 3. The church stands upon a prominent corner, is constructed of concrete, and is both attractive and convenient. The main room seats 250 people. The whole cost has been upwards of $20,000. Mr. Coleman, the minister, and the members of the society have every reason to be proud of their achievement. It is only three years since Unitarian services were begun in Jacksonville. In that short time the society has been established not only in this handsome and permanent home, but also in the respect and good will of the community. The presence and address of the Congregationalist minister at the dedication services were evidences of this good feeling. A feature of the dedication service was an appropriate and beautiful hymn written by Prof. Barber, of Meadville. The congratulations of all our fellowship of free churches go to our friends at Jacksonville.

Journeys. Rev. Minot O. Simons, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting the Pacific coast churches as a lecturer on the Franklin, Erie and Pittsburg, Pa.; and Dunkirk, N.Y. Mr. Rihbany, of Toledo, Ohio, who supplied the pulpit at Cleveland on February 28, will visit Youngstown, Meadville, Pittsburg, Pa., and Wheeling, W. Va.

The President of the Association has accepted an invitation to preach the sermon at the British National Conference at Bolton, and will sail for England on March 23. His Sunday preaching appointments are at London (Essex Church), Glasgow and Edinburg, Birmingham and Oxford. He will also have an opportunity of meeting with the Executive Committee of the International Council, of lecturing at Manchester College, Oxford, and of keeping many other week-day appointments. He expects to reach home again on the 4th of May.

The Secretary. Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, Secretary of the American Unitarian Association, under the direction of the Programme Committee and the various organizations holding meetings during Anniversary Week, is now at work upon the programme for the May meetings. The Anniversaries promise to be especially inspiring and instructive, with the usual contributions of wisdom and missionary enthusiasm from different parts of the country.

"The Unitarian Workshop" is the name of a finely illustrated portfolio, which the secretary is about to issue, descriptive of the various departments at 25 Beacon Street, the funds having been donated for the purpose by a friend of the Association. Among the engagements which Mr. Wilson has met during

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Contributions. Only fifteen churches added their contributions to the national treasury during the past month, but the record of giving is a good one. Flatbush and Flushing, N.Y., and the Icelandic Church in Winnipeg more than doubled their gifts of last year. Substantial gains were made at Augusta, Me., Hudson, Medford, and Gloucester, Mass. Toledo, Ohio, the Second Church in Hingham, and Keene, N.H., maintained the previous records. The South Congregational Church in Boston increases over last year's gift by $250, restoring the contribution to its former figure.

In the two months that remain of the financial year, the churches should zealously engage in raising the money for the support of their national work. The magnitude and urgency of our opportunity cannot be too strongly emphasized. In the past year our missionary opportunity, always much larger than our resources, has more than doubled. The political campaign of last November, in which the successful candidate for the Presidency was a loyal member of our household of faith, has drawn the attention of thousands of our fellow-countrymen to a church and a message of which they had before known nothing, or had known only to be afraid of. Thousands of people are now accessible whose ears have hitherto been closed.

The chief obstacle to the advancement of our cause is not now the difficulty of getting a hearing, or the hardship involved in the work itself, or the indifference of people. There are a hundred beckoning chances to set forth our opportunities to receptive and eager souls. All doors are wide open, save the doors of some of our own self-supporting churches, out of which must come the money and

"One more revival is needed, only one more," said Horace Bushnell, "the revival of Christian stewardship, the consecration of the money power of the churches. When that revival comes, the kingdom of God will come in a day. You can no more prevent it than you can hold back the tides of the ocean."

That revival is not an impossibility. It can be brought about and will be when the ministers and leaders of our churches set their hearts upon bringing it about, and earnestly and persistently work for it.

Two School Opportunities. I. Just as the friends of Proctor Academy, at Andover, N.H., were making a successful beginning in their endeavor to secure an endowment for the school, an immediate emergency has presented itself. The old boys' dormitory, connected with the school, has been completely destroyed by fire. No break has been made in the work of the school, for families in the village have taken in the students; but the dormitory must be rebuilt at once, in order to be ready for the opening of the new school year next September. The insurance amounts to $6,400. The trustees of the school require immediately an additional $8,000 in order to replace the building. It is greatly to be hoped that the friends of this cause will promptly and generously supply this need. Friends have already provided for the building of an attractive new church as the centre of the group of academic buildings, and a good beginning has been made upon the endowment. The new gymnasium is completed, and the new girls' dormitory is having the interior finish put in. The rebuilding of the boys' dormitory is the immediate and pressing need.

II. Fifteen of the leading ministers of

time he has been engaged in preaching and teaching at Danville. His work has developed until an adequate plant is urgently needed. Mr. Goodloe has received sufficient pledges for the running expenses of his school for the next three years, but his friends are anxious to secure for him an estate on the outskirts of Danville which will supply accommodations for his academic and industrial departments. Mr. Goodloe has developed a large opportunity of service, and his cause is commended to the members of our fellowship who are interested in the work for the colored people.

A Missionary Journey. On the 1st of March Rev. Charles W. Casson, Secretary of the Publicity Department of the American Unitarian Association, will start on an extended trip through the Southwestern States. On March 7, he will preach in Kansas City, Mo., going on to Wichita, Kansas, for the 8th. On March 9, he will begin a series of special meetings to be held at various points in the State of Oklahoma. Four meetings will be held in Oklahoma City, under the charge of Rev. Ward R. Clarke, the minister of the Unitarian church there. These meetings will be popular presentations of the liberal faith, conducted in largely the same manner as were the recent meetings in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In addition to evening meetings, it is proposed to have meetings at noon, for business men, in the down-town district. Meetings are also to be held at Enid, Guthrie, and Shawnee. Mr. Clarke is engaged in organizing a State Church with head-

to New Orleans, where he will speak at a meeting of the Southern Conference on March 23 as the representative of the American Unitarian Association. Returning to Texas, a series of meetings will he held in San Antonio from March 25 to 28. Meetings are also to be held in Austin and Waco during the following week. The Texas meetings are in charge of Rev. Marion F. Ham, the minister at Dallas.

Mr. Casson will return to Boston about the 5th of April.

Publicity Department. At many points throughout the country publicity campaigns are still being conducted, using the publicity booklet, "The Church of the Modern Spirit," as the circulating medium. So many orders for special editions have been sent in that it has been necessary to print 15,000 more of the booklets, making a total circulation, thus far, of 45,000. In each case the church has undertaken to distribute by mail all of the booklets.

After five months' constant negotiations with the Post Office Department at Washington, application for entry of the Unitarian Calendar as second-class matter has finally been granted. This means that the enterprise is put upon a permanent basis and steps will at once be taken to increase the number of churches taking part.

Nothing has been done, thus far, along this line, owing to the uncertainty of securing entry,—all of the churches now subscribing having done so because of the initial announcement of the plan. The Western churches are anxious that a Western edition should be printed a week

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It should be a gratification to Alliance members especially to Post Office Mission committees to learn that "Unitarianism is creeping in everywhere." This was the assertion of one of the leading preachers during the recent Revival among the Evangelical churches in Boston, which held simultaneous meetings with large attendance. He further said he "had personal knowledge of liberal ideas being accepted by Congregationalists, Baptists, Methodists and even Episcopalians; and he prayed that the revival might "show the falsity of such views and bring people into that which is true and right."

The Post Office Mission, the Paragraph Pulpit and similar agencies may perhaps be credited with such results, and account for the increasing number of "unsaved." The Alliance may well feel that its work has not been in vain.

The midwinter meeting of the New England Associate Alliance was held in Cambridge, Mass. on Jan. 21st too late to be reported in *Word and Work*. In many ways it was a notable occasion. Four hundred and fifty-seven delegates from ninety-five branches were present, not including the hostess branch which was largely represented. The morning session considered "Social Service of the Churches," and "What is the Alliance doing for College Girls?" The story of the progress and present needs of the Post Office Mission and Chapel Letter was Wilson who described the formation and aims of the American Unitarian Association.

It will be seen that the New England branches are fortunate in being able to carry out and make real the fellowship demanded by the ideal Alliance.

The February meeting of the New York League was held in the Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, about one hundred and fifty present. The Religious News report mentioned the anniversaries of Milton, Darwin, Tennyson, Gladstone, Mendelssohn, Poe and Lincoln, making this a memorable year. The speaker of the day was Rev. Thomas Travis on "The Criminal and the Children's Court." Dr. Travis divided criminals into two classes, the moral and the immoral criminal, explaining each. He also told some of the wonderful results of the work accomplished by Judge Lindsey.

Rev. George L. Mason recently in Rochester, N.H. has accepted a call to Green Harbor, Mass. It gives much satisfaction to the friends of Grace Chapel that a pastor was found so soon and the continuance of church work uninterrupted. A Sunday school of 20 pupils is reported which promises much for the future life of the church.

There are now twenty-two branches of the British League in England and Scotland. An interesting report is given of

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It would be well if Alliance members sending letters and especially tracts and sermons would stamp an address on the corner. It sometimes happens when a P. O. Mission correspondent dies that papers accumulate at the Post office and no notice can be sent for lack of an address. A stamp can be purchased for a few cents and its use would prevent loss of time and tracts.

The meeting of the Executive Board on February 12th was unusually large, twenty-six being present, from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and Canada. The whole day was given to consideration of reports and matters of importance to the national work.

The President gave a full account of the visit to the Canadian and Vermont branches from which she had just returned. Everywhere she experienced the anticipated warm welcome and was able to report the generally excellent condition of the branches in that section.

The Corresponding Secretary testified to the advantage of holding the board meeting in Philadelphia, where it reached many members of the Alliance who are never brought in touch with the real work of the officers. She also related in detail the visits to the Meadville District Conference and to the Alliance branch at Meadville. An invitation to speak to the students at the Meadville school and explain to them the aims and methods of the Alliance was accepted and altogether the trip was very satisfactory.

The Treasurer's statement showed membership fees coming in and an increase in Cheerful Letter subscriptions. The names last being a wedding gift from the branch in Newton.

The report of the Post Office Mission showed constant and unremitting efforts to systematize the work and find new avenues for its extension. The methods at New Orleans were specially commended.

The Cheerful Letter Exchange is in full activity. The chairman has visited branches and held meetings of both national and branch committees. Wherever once undertaken this work seems to bring its own unabating interest. The resignation of Miss Gertrude Downing from the committee was accepted with regret and the hope that later her name may again be added to the list.

The committee on Southern work had little new to report concerning conditions at the regular preaching stations in the Georgia-Florida and North Carolina circuits though interest is being awakened at different points from time to time. The work of Mr. Key was strongly endorsed by Mr. Wilson secretary of the A. U. A. and if he can be retained it is expected that much aggressive work will be done in the south.

At a meeting of the Committee to confer with the American Unitarian Association it was "*Resolved* That the work now being done by Rev. W. S. Key in North Carolina deserves the continued and increased support of the Women's Alliance and the American Unitarian Association." The Executive Board of the Alliance endorsed the resolution and the matter was referred to the Committee on Southern Missionary Work hoping that they may find some means of increasing the financial support.

Mrs. Keyes for the Committee on Appeals presented an appeal for $500 for

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plans. The work is already partly done. The enterprise seems worthy and hopeful. It is rather too large for the people to handle alone so the aid of the Alliance will be helpful and acceptable." Rev. Mr. Boynton says that "Mr. and Mrs. Norman are utterly consecrated to our cause and through the services they render are making Unitarianism known among the Scandinavian people all over Minnesota and the two Dakotas."

The society is a good one but the financial resources are small and the undertaking is a large one. The people are all helping in the actual work, hauling sand and stone and making cement, for the building is already begun. "Farmers within a radius of six miles have given one or more days' labor with man and team, each year for the last three years; some have given as much as a whole week's labor each year. The clerks in the stores, the cashiers in our banks, and even some of our few street loafers have repeatedly been induced to spend their late afternoon hours doing something with spade or hammer or pick axe to help the work along. Even some of the Sunday school boys have been called out on Saturdays to help in the same way to usher the Kingdom of God into Hanska."

The committee recommend the appeal for three reasons:—First, that Mr. Norman is likely to be a strong power among his people in that whole region and if he has a strong church in Hanska it may lead to the formation of other liberal churches among his countrymen; Second, that Mr. Norman and his church have taken such a strong stand for temperance; Third, that so much of the actual labor on the church has been done by his own people.

The completion of this church for a

that Andover, N.H. has had a generous gift which will enable it to erect a larger and more commodious building and make the present need less pressing.

Appeals now before the branches:—

Andover, N.H.	$610.75
Iowa City, Ia.	261.25
Hanska, Minn.	469.00

Needed for

Meadville students	$8.00
Pacific School Students	154.00

The Board received with sorrow the announcement of the death of Miss Helen F. Spalding, which occurred on January fourteenth. Miss Spalding had been long identified with the Alliance, in Portland, Oregon and anticipated a season of pleasure and usefulness when elected Vice-President for the Pacific Coast. She was one of the very few of the National Alliance Board to die while in office.

The secretary of the branch in Concord, Mass. is Miss Caroline P. Holden, Bedford Road.

The National Committee of the Post-office Mission wishes to remind the secretaries and chairmen that the value of the list of correspondents which is kept at head-quarters depends entirely upon its being up to date.

We therefore urge that the lists for this year be sent in now and that the names of additional correspondents be sent from time to time as they may be added during the rest of this season.

When it is known that correspondents are Unitarians we ask that such names be underlined or marked by a cross. These names are classified in the card catalogue according to state and town and this knowledge of the location of our corres-

the National officers of the Alliance and the American Unitarian Association. We also heartily recommend that correspondents be brought into touch with the nearest Unitarian church.

We call to your notice that tract number 75, "The Growth of Christianity from the Mustard Seed" is to be retained upon the A. U. A. free list. The extremely limited circulation of this tract shows that our workers are unaware that it is the best statement on the list of the origin, development and fallibility of church dogmas. Lists of correspondents may be sent to Alliance Headquarters, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. for P. O. Mission committee.

The following reports from branches were received.

Southern California:—Pomona has 16 members of whom about half attend meetings regularly and do active work. The returns from a concert, sales, and Experience Social enabled the Alliance to redecorate the church and they feel well paid for all the hard work by the increase in the attractiveness of their church home. It is hoped that more will be done for the social and spiritual growth the coming year.

In Santa Ana, the receipts this year were 272, the result of a basar, suppers, etc. "We have just completed a small addition to the church, at a cost of $320, all of which was met by the Alliance. Earnestly hoping that next year we shall be able to report much philanthropic work accomplished, we send you hearty greetings."

San Diego reports "We have an average attendance of fifteen. A sale netted $75. our receipts for the year being $161.50. Social meetings are held at the homes of members, with light refreshments and a program."

In Los Angeles one of the most important changes this year, is electing the officers in May, that the new names may be correct in the Manual. The committees have done efficient work, being named every month, instead of for the whole year. The bazar held in December netted $599.30 all of which was given for church expenses. The P. O. M. Committee

The branch at Santa Barbara has a Current Events report at each meeting. The secretary speaks of an interesting meeting where the pastor's wife answered the question "What are we Unitarians doing in the way of helping the world along?" The Christmas sale brought $271, and $10 has been given to the Maternity Hospital at Los Angeles.

No reports were received from other branches on the Pacific Coast, but from the Pacific Unitarian we learn that most of the churches are doing well and that the Alliance branch is in every case a support and a "tower of strength." At the meeting of the Southern Pacific Conference at Santa Ana, in January the president of the branch read a paper on "The Relation of the Woman's Alliance to the Church" which has been printed in the Pacific Unitarian.

A report from Seattle, giving an account of sales, bazars etc. says "But the mere making of money is by no means the best return for the work. In no other way can the many strangers be brought together and made to feel a part of the efficiency of the church so well as in these large affairs where the work of many is necessary. To make free receptions and merely entertain strangers does not amalgamate them with the congregation, nor affiliate them in spirit. A member worth anything to the church, or one to whom the church means anything worth while, wants to do things; and these large enterprises offer opportunities for the small effort or the small sum which the donor would never present by itself."

Maine. The director for Eastern Maine who keeps closely in touch with her branches reports,—

"Between four and five years ago, the enrolled working force of the Alliance Branches of Eastern Maine was two hundred forty-two, fourteen of them composing a languishing Branch at Prospect Harbor, all earnest women, but unable to continue the work. The lapse of that Branch left two hundred and twenty-eight. This year with increased membership in several branches eastern Maine has a working force of three hundred and ten.

Add to that, the twenty young women of Fort Fairfield who, employed days, give one evening a week to the cause, and the newly formed Young Women's Society of Houlton—twenty-two members—and we have rightfully the encouraging number three hundred and fifty-two. We wish we had space for all the details of this admirable report.

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the annual Tuskegee barrel is preparing for its southward journey. The Red Cross appeals have been generously answered.

At Cape Rozier "with a small fair, the usual charities, some repairs to the church and five nice meetings in the autumn for as many weeks, with a good attendance and one new member, the season of 1909 opened pleasantly. But owing to bad weather the meetings have been often little meetings of 'we two,' and sometimes only of each working apart on the appointed afternoon."

Ellsworth though pastorless and very much broken up in its church relations has a faithful band of eleven members who meet on alternate Mondays under the leadership of Mrs. Sutton who labors with the same devotion that characterised her during Mr. Sutton's pastorate. The devotional character of the meetings is strongly emphasized, as well as the social and charitable. The Literary Program is of a high order and in carrying it on, each woman takes a part. Though there seems no immediate prospect of renewed parish life, the Alliance is firm in its purpose to keep its light burning.

At Fort Fairfield the 22 enrolled members and the band of 20 young ladies who assist feel pleased that under local discouragements, they still keep their numbers and interest. They have paid this year one hundred dollars on church debt, and twenty dollars towards church music besides the usual contributions and answers to appeals.

This year the Branch has raised money by a unique plan. The Tuesday afternoon meetings are held at homes of persons inviting them where sewing is provided and each individual so occupied earns five cents an hour for the Branch.

The Eastport Branch has met fortnightly; one meeting being a business session, at which they have a paper called the "Observer," the second a literary meeting at which they have had studies regarding the ancient Jews, and some upon various European cities, and American composers. Sent clothing to Shelter Neck to sufferers from flood; aided local Benevolent Society and assisted in paying a debt for repairs to the vestry. P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter Work are both systematically carried on. The busy Secretary with another interested and energetic woman of the Alliance, both members of the Standing Committee earned enough money to put a light over the church entrance.

Presque Isle has held weekly meetings. A Fair held about Christmas netted $72; the annual Opera House entertainment brought $183; and Suppers about $40. The Secretary says, The Annual Fair and a rummage sale was successful the proceeds going to the Organ Fund. P. O. Mission is distributing *Registers* and pamphlets mostly in Houlton and vicinity. The new twig to the Branch, of twenty-two leaflets, is, with the further assistance of some of the still younger girls, meeting weekly in preparation for a Fair.

Augusta which has been in an unsettled condition for some time now promises a good and flourishing Alliance with all the Women's organisations working together. We are glad to welcome the Channing Guild as members of the National Alliance.

The branch at Brunswick continues its work without Church or Pastor, holds meetings once a month which are well conducted, and contributes to the appeals of Shelter Neck, and Cheerful Letter.

Farmington is doing all it can to support its own Church. They meet now once a week working for the Fair (Umbrella) which they hold in May.

At Kennebunk, meetings have been held regularly. At the first Dr. Perkins of Portland gave an interesting paper on "Pioneers of Unitarianism." The next was a Milton meeting and papers were contributed by members. For the remaining meetings "Ancient Religions will be the subject."

Saco, with Mrs. Hamilton as president is doing its usual good work. Post-Office Mission active.

Standish Alliance has 32 members, meets once a month and has a program which seems to be well carried out. This means much without church or pastor.

Waterville branch reports, last May the President presented each member with 5 cts. requesting her to use it as capital and in the fall give the proceeds to the Alliance. The result was both a financial and amusing success, as sums varying from 13 cts. to $5.00 were reported, and the amount raised $27.21. The Alliance is assisting the pastor in all possible ways and improves every year.

The Women's Alliance of the First Parish of Portland resumed its monthly business meetings in October. "Miss Low was our guest at the first meeting. Members from Brunswick, Kennebunk and Saco were present and shared the pleasure and benefit of Miss Low's visit. By her personality, her helpful suggestions, and the touching account of her experiences in the isolated communities of the South and West she left a deep impression of how great is the significance of Alliance work in these places and how appealing its call for support." Some

expenses. The Young People's Guild and the Study Class have been doing well. Delightful papers have been given on "Our Debt to the Founders of our Faith," "William Ellery Channing," and "Theodore Parker." The interest and charm of the last paper on Samuel Longfellow written by one who had for many years known him well, it would be hard to adequately describe. The Post Office Mission, Cheerful Letter, Philanthropic and Denominational Committees continue to be a credit. The *Hibbert Journal* and the *Register* have been placed in the Public Library

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New Hampshire.—The Branch at Andover reports a most encouraging year's work. Though all efforts have failed to bring about a union of the Alliance and the old Industrial Society, yet the two organizations have joined hands in vigorous work in behalf of the new church which recent generous and unexpected contributions have made possible. These large donations with the addition of what the Andover parish is able to contribute in money and labor, will build a church which will do honor to its donors. The society feels that it owes this generous response to its needs largely to the approval which the National Alliance has given to the cause.

The programe for the year shows a growing appreciation of the broader lines of Alliance work; the membership is increasing; and the younger women are becoming interested.

In a parish without a settled minister, it is not surprising that the Branch at Bath finds it difficult to sustain active work. It has discontinued for the winter but hopes to resume regular work in the spring and summer when the church will again be open for services. A winter vacation instead of a summer one! We may be sure that the earnest women of this small branch will continue their good work.

The Branch at Charlestown is assuming new life, "having struggled on, for a good many years, doing a little here and a little there, helping all calls as much as possible." Last year they paid for the paragraph pulpit in two papers of local circulation. Now this little Branch of eleven members is rejoiced because of its union with an older organization, the "Useful Endeavor Society" which name the Branch takes. Once a month the members meet for sewing and a social time, and once a month for literary work. Already there is an increase of interest and enthusiasm.

The Branch at Lancaster finds it hard to

At Franklin the Branch is enjoying a year of prosperity. A neighborhood meeting in October at which Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes gave an inspiring talk on the Alliance seemed to infuse enthusiasm into the work. At a recent meeting, Prof. James K. Hosmer gave a most delightful talk on "A Unitarian President"—Thomas Jefferson. The Industrial work has included many sociables, a parish supper, a Holiday Sale, and the making of garments for the Orphans' Home. "I think we may truly say that we are growing, not only in numbers, but in the broader spirit which brings us into closer touch with the Alliance work."

The Branch at Wilton always has an encouraging report to send. "The novelty of a Field Day gave an ideal opening for the year's work." The program calls for three speakers beside the work planned by the members of the Branch. Seventy-three names are enrolled on its membership list. There is an average attendance of fifty at the meetings which inspire much interest. The Flower, Cheerful Letter, Library, Social, and Executive Committees do much good work.

The branches at Dover and Rochester are doing as well as possible without a minister. A plan is under consideration whereby one minister can care for both parishes. In the meantime the branches meet regularly and do some literary and some charitable work.

At Exeter the branch has listened to fine talks from Mrs. John A. Bellows and Miss Bayley. "The spirit for work seems good and much is done for the church and for charity."

Laconia reports small attendance and suppers as the regular activity.

Walpole has a good branch keeping well in touch with the National Alliance.

The Portsmouth branch reports interesting and successful meetings. Inviting the public the audience has sometimes reached two hundred. Of $60 raised by a sale and play, $20 was given to the District Nursing Association.

The Ladies' Sewing Society branch Alliance recently formed in Keene numbers 70 members. They have a Religious News committee and read from Word and Work and intend taking up the P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work. They were much impressed by the meeting of the Associate Alliance at Cambridge.

The branch at Cornish is as usual full of courage and enthusiasm. They enjoy the new minister, and consider it a real blessing to come together again each week and listen to the helpful sermons. A Sunday School has been organ-

The Lebanon branch meets regularly once a month the average number present being about eighteen. The program for the winter has been of a miscellaneous character; a sermon by Rev. Mr. Van Ness, one by Edward Everett Hale, a sketch of the life of Booker T. Washington, and "The Living Lincoln." One meeting was especially interesting with a sketch of the lifeand work of the National Alliance President, Miss Low.

The secretary of the Manchester branch reports well attended meetings, the usual number of sales and suppers, besides the annual Christmas Fair. One item may be suggestive to other branches, was that some of the members brought cooked food to the meetings to be sold to members for the benefit of the Alliance. This branch began in the fall to open its meetings by singing the Alliance hymn, and religious items given by different ones have proved interesting and instructive.

The Benevolent Circle of Nashua meets every two weeks through the winter, four of the meetings being wholly Alliance. Papers and sermons are read.

The little branch at Peterboro has met eight times during the past year with only a very few members present. Extracts from sermons. The Register and Word and Work are read and occasionally an original paper is given. The members though few, are loyal and "keep in touch with the grand work done through the National Alliance."

The branch at Concord has an interesting program and the meetings are well attended. In December Rev. Mr. Mott of Nashua gave his paper "Through Nature to God" which was greatly enjoyed. The sum realised from the annual Christmas Sale has enabled the branch to respond to the appeals approved by the National Alliance and subscribe for *Christian Registers*, the *Unitarian*, and the Unitarian Calendar for Post-Office Mission work. Cheerful Letter Work is still continued by the Senior King's Daughters who are members of the branch while doing many other good things in their own name.

Connecticut.—The Hartford Branch now numbers fifty-two and is in excellent working condition. Meetings are held bi-weekly, and are proving of special interest because the subjects discussed are largely of local civic conditions. The program also includes talks on papers on prominent Unitarian women. When needed, special sewing bees are held. In this way clothing and money are given to local charity. A goodly sum was raised, as the result of a meeting for the benefit of the Missionary Fund of the Alliance. The fair for the church treasury was a success in every way. This is the largest branch in the state, but the Secretary writes that she realizes more and cause they "walk together." A very successful fair was held last summer, one hundred and thirty-five dollars being realised at the sale, and thirty dollars added afterwards from a former member. A chicken-pie was served by the ladies when the Agricultural Society held its Annual Meeting in town,—another way to raise a few hard earned dollars for the treasury. During the past year they have paid over two hundred dollars towards the minister's salary. Meetings this winter are being held at the homes followed by picnic suppers and social evenings. The attendance is good, and the gatherings much enjoyed. Such a report as the above could not be possible, except for the truth in the Secretary's words: "We worked hard and steady." The Director had the pleasure of visiting this Branch last fall, and was warmly welcomed. She went to do them good, but felt as she came away, that she had received much more than she gave.

The Branch in New London is composed of united workers, and is doing good work, as usual. Ways and means of earning money must necessarily be prominent. The first meeting in the fall was held in the Parish House, when each told the story of how she earned her dollar during the summer. The response was so generous and the occasion so enjoyable that it was voted to hold a "Dollar Social" annually. Sales and suppers during the winter are proving good avenues for raising money, and they also add to the social side. A visit from Miss Low in November was much appreciated.

The Branch in Derby is still struggling and the meetings are small. Through the efforts of their minister, the debt on the church has been recently wiped out, leaving the Alliance free to aid in the payment of the running expenses. They feel that a great burden has been lifted, though much still remains to be done. In November, Miss Low paid her first visit to Derby. She was most welcome and her talk was very helpful. Not much time is found for literary meetings, but a brief report of the chairman of P. O. Mission who is a very busy woman, may serve to arouse the other societies who have not yet taken up this important work. She has distributed 310 sermons through the church rack, 88 have been taken from a rack in a drugstore, 63 from a book store, and she has made a distribution by mail and personally of 217 sermons. In the local distribution 18 of the Temperance Sermons have found their way to the young men of the Y. M. C. A. Forty-six *Christian Registers* and forty-two copies of *Every Other Sunday* have been given out. One dozen "By-Ways to Books" have been disposed of, four going to the public libraries, and as a seeming result, several Unitarian books have been placed in one of the libraries. Of

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Young People's Religious Union

The 7th regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1908–1909 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1909, at 1 P.M. Pres. Saunderson presided and there were present: Miss Burrage, Miss Taylor, Mr. Sturtevant, Mr. Wahlberg, and the secretary.

The minutes of the secretary for the last meeting were approved as read.

Voted: to approve the month's bills.

The Pres. reported for the Editorial Committee concerning the contents in general for the February *Unitarian*, while the secretary reported for the Sales Committee.

Voted: to approve the action of the president in authorising the editor of the *Unitarian* to issue 1,000 copies of the February number.

The president reported as to the carrying out of the vote passed at the January meeting saying that about 200 names of settled ministers, not already receiving the publication, had been sent to the printer.

It was further suggested that gratuitous copies be sent to every union with a letter. Accordingly it was

Voted: to send a circular letter to all settled ministers and to the presidents of all unions, urging the distribution of this special number of the *Unitarian* and the taking of annual subscriptions.

The president then read the report of the treasurer for the month that was accepted.

Voted: that thanks be extended to Rev. Charles ported the union meeting of the Universalist and Unitarian young people.

The program for the Annual Meeting was discussed.

Voted: to request the use of the Second Church for the Annual Meeting.

Voted: to hold the business meeting at the usual hour.

It was decided to have three or four short addresses at the evening meeting, this matter to be left in the hands of the president.

Voted: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

Important

The attention of unions is called to the letter of the Finance Committee mailed them about the 15th of October, 1908, and showing the needs of the National Union for the season of 1908–1909.

The unions that have not already sent in their annual contributions are *urged to do so at once*, as we need the money and the books of the treasurer are closed May 1. All contributions must be in before that time, in order to be credited in the year to which they belong.

While May 1 is still two months away time passes quickly, so that unless this matter is immediately attended to, it is liable to be overlooked.

Attention is also called to the fact that unions having neglected their dues for two years, are not entitled to representation by delegates at the annual meeting.

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If a union has no money in its treasury, I would suggest its giving some form of entertainment and dividing the proceeds between the local society and the National Union, thus helping both.

Do not wait for things to turn up so that you can send the money, but do something to raise the money and you will be surprised at the results. Give an entertainment, supper, or get some good friend to give a lecture on some interesting topic and results will come. Do something and above all, *Do it now.*

Many of the unions have already sent in their contributions and to them we extend our sincere thanks for their promptness.

The Finance Committee has devoted considerable time to the financial question and realizes that many of the unions have done their best; they do not ask the impossible, but ask every union to do its share, and share in the success of the National Union.

A. Albert Wahlberg,
Chairman of Finance Committee.

Contributions

The following have contributed to the National Union:

Ashby, Mass.	$2.00
A friend	.50
Bellingham, Wash.	1.00
Bolton, Mass.	3.00
Boston, Mass.—Disciples Guild	5.00
" " —East Boston, Mass.	3.00
" " —Winkley Guild	10.00
Bridgewater, Mass.	1.00
Champaign, Ill.	3.00
Charleston, S.C.	3.00
Chelmsford, Mass.	5.00
Dedham, Mass.	15.00
Dorchester, Mass.—Nathaniel Hall,	25.00
North Easton, Mass.	15.00
Mrs. W. Scott Fitz, Boston, Mass.	25.00
Montclair, N.J.	$3.00
Montreal, Can.	5.00
Neponset, Mass.	5.00
Newport, R.I.	5.00
Norwell, Mass.	2.00
Northboro, Mass.	5.00
Plainfield, N.J.	5.00
Quincy, Mass.	5.00
Roxbury, Mass.	5.00
San Diego, Cal.	3.50
Sharon, Mass.	1.00
Stow, Mass.	3.00
Syracuse, N.Y.	3.00
Washington, D.C.	15.00
West Upton, Mass.	10.00
Winchester, Mass.	5.00
Wollaston, Mass.	8.00
Worcester, Mass.	3.00
Total	$263.50

The following have contributed to Bellingham, Washington:

Neponset, Mass.	$1.00
North Easton, Mass.	5.00
Roxbury, Mass.	5.00
Total	$11.00

The following have contributed to Richmond, Virginia:

Neponset, Mass.	$1.00

The following have contributed to Proctor Academy, Andover, New Hampshire:

Bedford, Mass.	$5.00
Charlestown, N.H.	5.00
Chelmsford, Mass.	5.00
Leominster, Mass.	20.00
Littleton, Mass.	5.00
Northboro, Mass.	2.00
Norton, Mass.	5.00
Worcester, Mass.	5.00
Total	$52.00

South Worcester Federation

The annual meeting of the South Worcester Federation was held with the South Unitarian Memorial Society on Sunday, Jan. 31.

federation in behalf of the entertaining union.

The nominating committee, appointed at the October meeting, presented the following list for officers for 1909, and upon motion it was voted to accept the report and declare the officers elected:—

President, Mr. Edwin L. Clarke of Worcester.

Vice President, Mr. Harry Newman of Hopedale.

Sec.-Treasurer, Miss May A. Leland of Worcester.

Executive Committee, Miss Lucy Gates of Westboro, and Mr. George W. Cromb of Mendon, with the officers.

Reports of the work done in the unions were then given and the delegates present were: Hopedale, 6, Mendon, 1, West Upton, 10, Westboro, 10, and So. Unitarian, Worcester, 19.

For some unaccountable reason there were no delegates from Millbury and as there is usually a large number they were especially missed.

Miss Susan Urban of West Upton then read a finely prepared paper on "Take Time to do Little Deeds of Kindness," Everyone present could learn some lesson from the paper.

The evening session was opened with a selection by the church choir: the speaker was Rev. Charles W. Casson of Boston and all were anxious to hear what he had to say about "The Unitarian Crusade." Having just returned from his trip in behalf of Unitarianism, he told us of his experiences and also gave us an incentive to return to our homes and enter the work with more heartiness.

Norfolk Federation

The second meeting of the Norfolk Federation was held Sunday evening, Feb. 14, at Medfield, Mass.

At 7.30 Rev. Louis C. Dethlefs conducted a devotional service, after which Mr. Frederic G. Melcher of Newton centre, delivered a very interesting and enthusiastic address.

As Rev. J. F. Auer represented the union from Hyde Park, he was asked to say a few words in behalf of that union, which is still quite new.

At the business session, in the absence of the recording secretary, Miss Knobel was chosen secretary pro tem and a constitution was drawn up and adopted by the federation.

VOTED: that the secretary write other societies of young people in the neighboring towns to join the federation.

After the benediction by the president, Mr. Dethlefs, the meeting adjourned.

ELLA B. KNOBEL,
Secretary pro tem.

Union-at-Large

The membership of the Union-at-Large is growing slowly from month to month. Though it is as yet small compared with that of similar associations in other churches, it represents in its gains the satisfied needs of individuals who crave union and companionship,—even if it come merely through printed words,—with fellow-seekers after truth and freedom in religion.

Most of us who have been brought up in a belief unfettered by creeds do not

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This is the condition that surrounds many of our young Unitarians when they go away from home. It was to meet their needs that this organization was started; and while we hope to help them all by keeping them in touch with the centres of Unitarian thought and action, we look to them in turn for aid in making the Union-at-Large more efficient, that it may ever reach and enhearten all who need encouragement. It sometimes happens that those who stay at home, in communities where religious enthusiasm is on the wane, are as much in need of this as the dwellers in distant parts. All are welcome to membership in the Union-at-Large.

Information in regard to changed addresses and names of new members should be sent to the chairman,

MARGUERITE FELLOWS,
Chairman of the Union-at-Large.

Special February "Unitarian"

Much effort and some expense have been incurred in having the special number of the *Unitarian* reach the unions and ministers, and we trust the edition has pleased our friends and fellow-workers. Many have very kindly expressed their pleasure and interest in reading its columns, and we hope many more will possess themselves of this special number. While the time for the special rate for yearly subscribers is nearly past, we are glad to announce that copies of the February number may be procured both from the Unitarian Book Room in Boston and in Room 11 on the third floor of the Unitarian Building, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., at the usual price of ten cents per copy. It has been suggested that parts of the

The Nominations of Officers

In order that the Y. P. R. U. maintain its steady progress it is of first importance that the officers and directors, who are elected at the annual meeting in May, shall thoroughly represent the needs and aims of all our unions.

The Nominating Committee is now preparing to make its recommendations for the ensuing year. We elect a president, a secretary, a treasurer, six vice presidents, representing various parts of the country, and thirteen directors, who should be able to attend regularly the monthly Board meetings at 25 Beacon St., Boston.

Will not every union and union member feel a responsibility in helping the Nominating Committee by suggestions of policy and names of suitable candidates, in order that the slate, which is offered the voting delegates in May, shall be the strongest and most representative possible?

Address all communications to

FREDERIC G. MELCHER,
Chairman of Nominating Committee.

Points and Lines

Through the courtesy of Rev. Charles W. Wendte, Room 11 has recently been presented with a photograph of President-elect Taft, the gift of Mr. Henry P. Holden of Washington, D.C. The photograph shows Mr. Taft as he looked during his young manhood, at the time he was president of the Unity Club of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. Wendte was serving the Cincinnati Church as its pastor.

The Union-at-Large now numbers 115 members.

On Jan. 17 the Concord Guild cele-

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. L. R. Daniels has resigned at Houlton, Maine, and accepted a call to Yarmouth, Maine.

Rev. H. L. Buzzell has resigned at Windsor, Vt., and accepted a call to Barre, Mass.

Rev. Granville Pierce has resigned at Warwick, Mass., and accepted a call to Ashby, Mass.

Rev. H. G. Smith has resigned at Ottawa, Can., to accept a call to Northampton, Mass.

Rev. Manfred Lilliefors has resigned at S. Cloud, Minn.

Rev. E. R. Watson has resigned at San Diego, Cal., and taken charge of the work at Eureka, Cal.

Rev. J. A. Cruzan, Field Agent in the Pacific Department, has taken temporary charge of the Society at Everett, Wash.

New Societies A new church has been organized at Morgantown, West Virginia, the seat of the State University. Influential townspeople and several prominent members present are in charge of Rev. Mr. Mason of Pittsburg. Portable Church No. 1 has been put up for the use of the Society at Youngstown, Ohio, and proves to be an attractive chapel. The Society has now the equipment it has greatly needed for its work. A little Society has been organized at Blacks Corner, Pa., which is supplied for the present by students from Meadville. Students also regularly supply the Mission at Garrettsville, Ohio. The churches in the Meadville circuit have recently enjoyed visits from Rev. E. S. Forbes and Rev. A. M. Rihbany, who preached and lectured for the churches between Cleveland and Pittsburg.

Montego Bay, Jamaica, B.W.I. One of the most interesting and pictuesque attempts to give currency to Unitarian views has been undertaken by a young man in the Island of Jamaica, B.W.I. Having become interested in our interpretation of religion through pamphlets which were sent to his island home, he at once began a course of study with a view to fitting himself for the

ligion from the liberal point of view. Not having at his command a hall in which to conduct Lay Center Services, the congregation meets in an open yard, and the enterprise is called the Creek Street movement. The leader in his report says: "There is no doubt that in the whole surrounding district the people now have a very different view of Unitarianism from that which they had a month ago."

Conferences. The election of Rev. Ernest C. Smith of Green Bay, Wis., to the Secretaryship of the Western Conference, in succession to Mr. Backus, is a matter of congratulation to our fellowship. Mr. Smith has had a broad experience. He has had settlements in Massachusetts, in Washington, in Colorado, in Michigan, in Illinois, and in Wisconsin. He is a man of eastern birth and education and of western experience. He is in sympathy with all the progressive and coöperative movements in our fellowship. The next meeting of the Western Conference will be held in St. Paul, Minn., in May. The Southern Conference has just met in New Orleans. The Pacific Conference will not meet this year until July, when it goes to Seattle. It is an event of some significance that the National Conference will hold its September meeting this year in Chicago. It is to be hoped that the members of the eastern churches will make a genuine effort to support the experiment involved in the transfer of the meeting of the Conference to the Middle West.

To assist ministers and Should the library satisfy a real need, as we hope it will, generous additions will be made, but the growth will depend largely upon its circulation. If it is active, new books will be added to meet the demand, and we shall be glad to have the demand great enough to call for a steady increase. A catalogue of books now on the shelves, with the rules governing the use of the library, is now in preparation and will be ready before the Anniversary Meetings.

Since his return from visiting the Meadville District, Mr. Forbes has kept appointments at the First Churches of Lexington and Needham. He has also addressed a union meeting at Bolton, a meeting in the Unitarian Church at Woburn, the Alliance of the First Church in Cambridge, and the Men's Club of Christ Church, Dorchester.

Contributions. We have come to the last month of the financial year, and the churches are urgently reminded that in order to retain their membership in the National Association their contributions must reach the Treasurer on or before April 30. The readers of this paper are requested to personally interest themselves in this matter. It should be remembered that if a church loses its membership it requires, under the By-laws, two years to recover its place in our working fellowship. It is not enough to see to it that the collection is actually made. Vigilance cannot cease until the money is actually in the Treasurer's hands at headquarters. Every year several churches lose their membership because of the carelessness of the local treasurers

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National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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There are several things for the branches to note this coming month. The annual report will be asked for by the Corresponding Secretary, who will send blanks to each branch to be filled out, usually by the Secretary. If these are returned promptly, the work of preparing the Manual is made much easier. Many branches now hold their own annual meetings in April or May, that the list of newly elected officers may appear in the Manual and corrections be avoided.

Branches should also consider the appointment of delegates to the annual meeting of the Alliance to be held in Boston on May 25. The call will be issued this month, and as this is the year for the biennial election of officers a large representation is desired. Without doubt many branches will pay the traveling expenses of a delegate.

Attention should be given to the list of appeals, which is smaller than usual. These appeals are from various sections of the country, and it is and should be a privilege for each branch to be included among the givers, even if the sum given must be small. The value of the gift is greatly enhanced by the friendly letter which should always accompany it. In some cases this letter and the small contribution is the only real link connecting a branch with the National Alliance, the only thing which prevents its work from being purely

The meeting of the Executive Board on March 12 was held in Boston, with nineteen present. A new branch at Northfield, Mass., was reported; secretary, Mrs. Charles C. Stearns. "The Woman's Branch Alliance of the North Side Unitarian Church of Pittsburg, Pa.," also sent information of its organization and a successful supper as the beginning of work for a new church. The secretary is Mrs. J. M. Berdge, 1201 Arch Street, Allegheny, Pa. The English-speaking branch in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been reëstablished, Mrs. Vrooman, 147 Furby Street, secretary. Letters of greeting will be welcomed by these new branches.

The branch at the Icelandic Church, Winnipeg, reported a change of officers, the secretary being Mrs. J. Björnesson, 476 Simcoe Street, Winnipeg. This branch, with a membership of twenty-one, has had a successful year, holding fortnightly meetings and disbursing $163.30 in various ways, $60 going to the church.

The name of Mrs. Sarah Hill Blossom has been added to the In Memoriam list, and Miss Phebe M. Waldo has been made a life member by her branch in Salem. The branch at Fairhaven, Mass., has presented Mrs. Elbridge G. Paull a life membership as a gift at her golden wedding.

The Southern Committee reported.

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the people in the afternoon, and preached at the church in the evening. Rev. Messrs. Key and Cowan also took part. Every one enjoyed his coming and would have been glad if his stay could have been longer. The ministers in the North Carolina circuits, Rev. Messrs. Key, Cowan, and Gillilan, are visiting their preaching stations regularly and with gratifying results. The little church at Pink Hill will soon be finished and ready for the dedication service.

The January number of *The Unitarian* contained a full account of what has been accomplished by the Alliance in the South, with illustrations showing the little churches which are now being sustained by the Alliance branches. This is genuine missionary work of the best kind, showing already most marked results, and every branch ought to have a hand in it. It is not a Boston movement, or a New York movement, but a National Alliance movement, and relies upon the whole body for its suppor

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The board recommends to the branches an appeal for $600 for the branch at New Orleans, La. WORD AND WORK has already contained an account of the successful efforts of the New Orleans members to build and equip a much-needed Parish House, the branch becoming incorporated to enable it to hold property. The lot of land was bought and paid for and a loan taken from the Church Building Loan Fund for a part of the building. To help in its completion the $600 is asked for from the Alliance. Every one will be anxious to secure for this, the only Unitarian Society in the state, the means of making it strong and useful, and of lending

The Cheerful Letter Exchange continues to ask for teachers in the Home Study department as applications are numerous.

It was voted to send Mrs. Peterson to represent the Alliance at the meeting of the Southern Associate Alliance, to be held in New Orleans on March 23.

The National Conference is to be held in Chicago, Ill., the 27th to 30th of September, 1909. The Council desires a report from the President of the Alliance, and some time will also be allowed for an Alliance meeting. This will be another occasion for members of the Alliance from all over the country to meet and confer.

Amounts now needed for Appeals:

Iowa City, Iowa	$208 75
Hanska, Minn.	394 75
Andover, N. H.	521 25
New Orleans, La.	600 00

Meadville Students	60 50
Pacific School Students	148 00
Green Harbor, Mass.	84 00

An interesting fact is learned of Iowa City. A course on the Modern Interpretation of Religion has been approved by the University Committee on Religious Education, and students may receive University credit for it if elected. This course is in the hands of the Unitarian minister in Iowa City, Rev. R. S. Loring. The Young People's Religious Union is made up largely of University students, and their meetings are profitable and well attended. The branches will thus see the importance of having a strong church, well housed, in a university town.

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church at Manheim, Lancaster County, in the Tulpehocken Reformed Church, about sixteen miles west of Reading, and in several edifices in Lebanon County, while several congregations in Berks are entitled to observe the event, but do not.

Roses paid on these occasions to representatives of families whose ancestors made such provisions are treasured as priceless heirlooms, and at Manheim they have come from many states.

Red rose rent is mentioned in connection with land in Tulpehocken, Marion, Maxatawny, Oley, and other townships. It dates back to 1738.

The Tulpehocken Reformed Church is built on land that is subject to "one red rose" quit rent. The land was owned by Caspar Wistar, brass button manufacturer, of Philadelphia. The red rose rent has been paid to the Philadelphia descendants of Caspar Wistar for some years. The most notable observance was in 1902, when thirty prominent Philadelphia Wistars attended the services and were paid 157 red roses in payment of arrears of rent.

Will the Junior Alliances please send addresses of their secretaries to Miss Everett at 25 Beacon Street, Boston?

The Young People's Society at Hamilton, Canada, is "doing nobly," but is hampered for lack of a piano. Can the Alliance branches help them to buy one?

Living Water

By Mary E. Richmond, of New Zealand

I am a little desert pool, O Lord,

Miss Richmond came to America in 1907 as delegate to the International Congress, and left a lasting impression on many friends.

Reports this month were from Massachusetts. All of them were full and good, but space allows only a paragraph from each.

The Deerfield Branch has 27 members, and has felt more enthusiasm this year than ever before. Papers by members have been read on "Favorite Hymns," "The Study of History," "Milton," "Channing," and "Hosea Ballou." They had a very successful table at the fair recently held. The secretary says, "The promptness and cordiality with which other branches answered our appeals gave us a greater feeling than we have ever had before of the fellowship which exists between the branches."

The Greenfield Branch has about ninety members, and the meetings have a large attendance. In January, the topic, "Great Hymns and Hymn Writers," was treated by writers from six denominations of the town, including the Roman Catholic, and the widow of the former Episcopal rector rendered many well-known hymns on her Victor. These union meetings of the churches held annually are greatly enjoyed by all. A Junior Alliance of seventeen members has recently been formed among the young girls, which promises to be a valuable adjunct in church work.

The meetings of the Montague Branch have been well attended. Church and Alliance united in holding a Neighborhood Conference. "The presence and messages of some of the ablest and most interested workers in the Connecticut Valley Conference lifted the people of our feeble parish to a higher level of courage and interest."

The Pittsfield secretary opens her report with a sentiment we can all echo. "How good a thing it is for a Church to have an Alliance! Our membership remains about the same, and though we have small meetings when the weather is severe, we have such a united, happy time that everything seems altogether worth while."

which may prove a rallying point for the liberal element in town. The Warwick branch has twelve members, earnest and faithful. It has studied this winter "Great Hymns and Hymn Writers" with pleasure and profit. The tercentenary of Milton was observed by an evening at the parsonage, and a Lincoln program was enjoyed. The "Christian Register" has been placed in the public library by the pastor, and the "Unitarian" by the Alliance. The gift of a desirable parsonage from the son of a former pastor has greatly encouraged this church.

It is with pleasure the formation of an Alliance branch at Northfield is announced. A branch has recently been organized with 33 members. The character of the Northfield women, and the enthusiasm with which they start, augurs good work there.

The Worcester League holds monthly meetings with an average attendance of eighty. Contributions have been sent in response to various appeals, the average collection taken being eight dollars. The program covers a wide range of subjects, and discussion is usually quite general and animated. Last May the New England Associate Alliance met with the League.

The branch of eighteen members at Sturbridge meets every two weeks the entire year and "something is always doing." Bean dinners, turkey suppers, a harvest festival, keep the members socially occupied. Many gifts have been sent to branches for fairs.

The Brookfield Alliance started a Reading Club and a class in gymnastics for girls to assist in civic betterment and these seem to be much appreciated. The Alliance meets every month, and in October arranged a neighborhood meeting at Ware. The annual fair took the form of a Mother Goose Carnival, and was a great success, so that $150 was cleared.

At Winchendon more interest is manifested and a larger attendance, the meetings being very pleasant and social. Plans are in preparation for a May Festival of two days' duration. The expense of the paragraph pulpit in the local paper they are now bearing for four months.

The Westboro branch program shows an interest in the larger side of life. The contributions to the home church, to charities in general, and to the National Alliance appeals, indicate commendable generosity. These are held in the evening, and all have joined in singing the hymns discussed.

The branch in Chicopee has held seven meetings, with a fine program too long for this department, but which doubtless will be furnished to any branch wishing to see it. Cheerful Letter work is carried on by a Sunday-school class under the direction of an Alliance member.

Florence branch has had good meetings, considering Hymns and Hymn Writers, and has a Cheerful Letter committee.

At Holyoke the membership has increased and all the committees are doing well. Cheerful Letter and Post Office Mission continued.

At Northampton the Benevolent Committee holds all-day sessions, with luncheon, and the Study Class occupies the afternoon. The Alliance has the care of the social part of church life and has joined the Unitarian Calendar Circle, which proves helpful as the church is without a pastor.

The branch at Springfield reports a prosperous year with much accomplished and profitable meetings held. Appeals have been answered and many gifts to other branches made, including 75 volumes to the library at Dunbarton, N. H. Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter work thoroughly carried on.

The Ware branch has had a successful year with two meetings each month and various social affairs.

The director for Berlin, Clinton, Hopedale, Leominster, Mendon, Northborough, and Uxbridge reported that all seemed more than usually prosperous. Berlin has suppers and reads papers and is a power in the community. At Clinton each member earned a dollar to be given to the appeals. Hopedale does good work along literary lines and fellowship, and coöperation is largely developed. The 110 members are much alive. At Leominster the Alliance helps in all church activities, aiding financially both church and Sunday-school. Mendon has a small branch, but "keeps the church alive and is a grand working body." The director says Mendon and Berlin have never failed to send the expected report of every meeting. Northborough branch has a membership of fifty-two and is prosperous. It has attended to local needs, helping to paint the church, enlarge the church kitchen, and repair the parsonage. It keeps in close touch with the National organization, sending delegates to meetings and letters of greeting to new branches. "The

The Athol branch reports this its best year for interest and good attendance, nine new members being added. "Each meeting is marked for its sociability and friendliness." Barre fears it is in a rut, as it does the same thing year after year, but the meetings appear to have been well attended and interesting. Fitchburg branch has much local talent and has discussed many vital topics. Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter well sustained, and contributions made in response to appeals. The Gardner branch is a busy one, working for various charities and raising money, but has found time to study the Lives of Unitarian Writers, and derived much pleasure therefrom.

The editor cannot forego the pleasure of presenting nearly the whole of the report from Petersham, as it illustrates the Alliance spirit. "When our branch was organized about two years ago, we resolved to carry out a literary program, and if possible take up a course of study. Some of our neighbors in nearby branches listened to our enthusiasm, then wisely shook their heads and said, 'Yes, we have tried that, but the ladies soon lost their interest in it, and before we realized it our meetings became just social sewing meetings and the study part was omitted.' However, we chose a good, live, enthusiastic committee, who have certainly carried out their part nobly. The study of Hymns and Hymn Writers has been taken up and the programs have required an hour and a half instead of the allotted hour, having usually two papers, concerning the author's life and religious training, quotation slips read by every one, and several hymns sung by all present. So enthusiastic is our branch that the other meeting in the month which was designed merely for sewing has been appropriated for reading the Word and Work, and extracts from the Christian Register, and darkness usually overtakes us before we are ready to close the meeting. Our branch numbers about forty, and we feel that we are accomplishing as good a work as we can."

Ayer, Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Lowell, Pepperell, Shirley, and Westford report to one director, who told a story of good work at the board meeting. Each branch meets regularly and several do much to

The Beverly branch holds a short devotional service after the business and before the address of the afternoon. Its membership has reached two hundred. The Haverhill branch has had fine papers and has sent books to the Dunbarton library. Lawrence has a good Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter Exchange, and does much to help the church. The Lynn branch has sent something to each appeal recommended by the board and is anticipating with interest the meeting of the New England Associate Alliance in June, to be held in Lynn. Newburyport has increased in members and some of the younger ones have formed a sewing school for poor children. Has an interesting Post Office Mission. The Andover branch reports a flourishing condition, but working to put its church and vestry in good repair.

At Gloucester the branch has been studying Paul, with speakers and readings. Has given $206.45 to the church and collected $40 for the American Unitarian Association. Has good Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter committees. Marblehead branch has much social life, has sent money to Chelsea and elsewhere, and paid for all the music in church. Each of the three branches in Salem meets twice a month, union meetings being held in rotation with the First and Second Churches. All appeals and requests are answered and good Alliance work done in all departments.

The branch at Brewster has been busily engaged with the new parish house, Davis Memorial Building, dedicated January 13, by the first meeting, and a supper. The branch gave $200 towards the building, has bought a carpet for the church, paid for repairs on the organ, and done many other things to the surprise even of themselves. At Brockton the branch meets fortnightly and "be the program what it may, this fact is not lost sight of, that we are trying to promote the religious life of our church." The branch does good Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter work, and pays for a Memorial Pew in the church. The branch at Bridgewater meets regularly at the homes of members with study and readings, alternating with the sewing circle. East Bridge-

ment for the Sunday-school. Whitman, with a membership of fifty, has very fine meetings, each one being in charge of an appointed member. A children's party and Christmas social for the Sunday-school have been conducted by the branch.

Duxbury, Green Harbor, Plymouth, Hingham, Kingston, and Scituate have had a prosperous Alliance year, the open winter favoring a large attendance at meetings. Plymouth, the largest branch, has a membership of one hundred. Plymouth and Kingston branches meet once a week, the others twice a month, with the exception of the Hingham branch, made up of the three churches, which has one meeting in the month. Plymouth has considered Hymns and Hymn Writers in its religious study classes, and Kingston has had a class for Bible study. Plymouth, Kingston, Hingham, and Duxbury do Cheerful Letter Work. Some Post Office Mission work is done in Duxbury and Hingham. Hingham and Plymouth branches, belonging to prosperous churches, have responded generously to the appeals. The chief energies of the others are given to their own churches. Scituate pays for a coach to carry people to church and parish meeting. Kingston branch gives $200 toward the minister's salary, pays for the church music, and has done much charitable work. Duxbury raised money for the Sunday-school and choir and gave $350 to the church, shingled the parish house, repaired windows, had electric lights installed, and paid the organist. The Green Harbor Alliance is the mainstay and support of the little chapel there. "We have had the parsonage put in repair, papered and painted inside, and it did look fine when the new minister and family took possession. To-morrow we are to have a painting bee. All the men from Brant Rock and our village expect to give us a day painting the parsonage, church, and parish house. You have no idea how interested all the people are in our church and Alliance."

New Bedford reports, "no one will be absent from an Alliance meeting if it is

The Fairhaven branch is harmonious and happy. Has made various appropriations to appeals and renewed its pledge for Southern work. Taunton has held meetings with excellent topics for discussion and good speakers. Nantucket reports an instructive Lincoln Day, with reminiscences and anecdotes by members. Fall River has the largest membership in its history, has raised much money, and has shown activity and interest in all branches of Alliance work. Has paid $390 on church debt, given the Sunday-school $40, bought 120 new chairs for the vestry, etc. Norton also has spent much on its own church, but has sent one dollar to each appeal in "Word and Work." All meetings are open, with friends invited. North Easton has well-attended meetings, and has contributed to several appeals. A committee called The Ladies' Aid has been established to attend to social and financial matters. At Vineyard Haven the members do much work for fairs, meeting twice each month.

The director for Norfolk County reported for eighteen branches, each in its own way active and interested.

Braintree reports that the all-day sewing meetings have a better attendance than the afternoon meetings, devoted this year to a miscellaneous program. They have a long list of very active committees, including all the various interests of the church. The First Parish, Brookline, has been studying Religious Leaders through papers prepared by members. It has the third largest roll-call, having 181 members. Last year they gave $260.75 to the American Unitarian Association for anniversary week and provided entertainment for four ministers. Second Parish, Brookline, holds all-day meetings once a month with luncheon. It has active committees for Cheerful Letter, Post Office Mission, Benevolence, etc. At Canton the branch has had a very successful winter. Have appropriated money to Southern Circuit, Green Harbor, Hanska, Iowa City, and support a traveling library at present located in Harpswell. Cohasset is having its usual good year, living up to Alliance ideals. Both Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter committees are very much alive.

Hyde Park is to be congratulated upon the ordination of a new minister, and everything looks most encouraging for all church work. The branch has taken the Sunday-school under its supervision and provided a superintendent. Milton has a fine Post Office Mission, which has sent out 1,658 sermons this year. They have raised $203 by a course of three lectures given in the parish house. They have made Mr. Stebbins a life member of the American Unitarian Association, and subscribe for the "Christian Register" for Milton Library and East Milton Reading Room, also pay for the advertisement of Sunday preaching in "Boston Transcript." The Religious Intelligence Committee keeps the branch informed on all that happens of interest in all denominations.

Needham has a sewing meeting and open meeting alternately. Has answered all "Word and Work" appeals and supply the church music and flowers.

Quincy has an average attendance of fifty. The program has been entirely miscellaneous this year. The Cheerful Letter committee is very active. Have purchased a rocking-chair for the men's room at the Alms House, and have subscribed for the "Christian Register" to be put in the Public Library. As usual money has been raised by the pledge system. Randolph has a new minister. Their chief energy financially has to be directed towards the church. They have a traveling library at Vineyard Haven and send pledges to Southern Circuit. Sharon has been trying by entertainments to raise money to cover the church cushions and buy a new carpet and feels much encouraged. Sherborn holds meetings from September to July inclusive. Annual current expenses are much helped and this year it will wipe out a debt of long standing. This branch stands for everything social and charitable in the church and largely in the town. Walpole opens its season always with a Harvest Fair, which was very successful this year. The Alliance is a great aid to the church. Wellesley Hills began its year with a musicale and reception. The branch has given $325 to the church and pays for the support of two boys at Morgan Memorial.

The director for Suffolk County reported for thirteen branches as follows: Six branches in Dorchester, two in Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury, Roslindale, Brighton, and South Boston. The large proportion have all-day meetings, and serve luncheon, while those which meet in the afternoon usually serve tea, and spend a social half-hour. Four branches have found that meeting in the homes has been very beneficial in enabling new members to become acquainted and securing a larger attendance. Five of the smaller branches are little more than the old-fashioned sewing circle, doing no Alliance work, with the exception of giving to fairs, attending meetings of the New England Alliance, and visiting other branches in response to invitations. Two branches only make it a practice to listen to papers on religious subjects. The members have been very diligent in raising money by the usual methods, such as fairs, suppers, penny strips, theatricals, Old Maid Conventions, Grandmothers' Albums, Automobile Trips Around the World, etc. About $2,000 has been gathered in this way. It is encouraging that ten branches adopted the pledge system and four others asked for direct contributions of money, in addition to the various entertainments. Six branches have paid into their respective church treasuries from $100 to $500 dollars each. The branch at the First Parish, Dorchester, has made the following rules: First, That the Alliance, being a religious organization, papers, addresses, and programs shall be confined to religious lines. Secondly, That no sum of money over $5 shall be voted for any purpose not endorsed as an appeal by the National Board. Thirdly, No new business shall come before the meetings without previous consultation with the president.

One small branch reports that the minister is usually present during a part of each meeting, and speaks to them of some new and interesting activity in the Unitarian body. Another reports the publishing of a sermon of its minister.

At All Souls', Roxbury, the minister conducts a study class, assisted by members who contribute papers or read. This branch not only lends its papers but lends its members to read them. These thirteen

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The eighth regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1908-09, was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, March 2, 1909, at 1 P.M. President Saunderson presided, and there were present: Miss Burrage, Miss Taylor, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Sharples, Mr. Sturtevant, Mr. Wahlberg, and the Secretary.

The report of the secretary for the February meeting was read and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, his monthly report was read by the president.

Voted: to approve the report of the treasurer.

The secretary, for the Sales Committee, reported 206 copies of the February *Unitarian* and 87 annual subscriptions ordered, with eight copies of the February number sold in the office.

Copies of the different letters, sent to 127 union presidents, to 113 ministers with unions, and to 237 ministers without unions, were distributed to the members of the Board and explained by the president. To these last were sent blanks for data concerning any young people's societies not now affiliated. The results

The secretary reported for Miss Floyd regarding the progress of the Fair Committee, saying that Mrs. W. Scott Fitz will serve as Honorary President, the general committee is to consist of six others besides Miss Floyd, four tables have already been taken, the preliminary circulars are ready for distribution, and the outlook is encouraging.

As there was no further business,

Voted: to adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR,
Secretary.

Boston Federation

The mid-year meeting of the Boston Federation was held on the afternoon and evening of February 28, 1909, at Wollaston, Mass.

The afternoon meeting was devoted entirely to business.

Voted: to carry on the Hospitality Work for Anniversary Week, as has been done the past few years.

Voted: to have the president authorize a committee of one to sign the constitution of the Missionary Exposition for 1910, provided, that on reading the same, it was considered advisable.

An interesting incident of this meeting was the evident lack of a desire to omit any of these business meetings. This was manifest when the question was asked, "Shall we omit one of these

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"The Romance of the Moral Life and the Spiritual Life of the Church."

The next meeting will be the annual meeting on April 25, at All Souls' Church, Roxbury. Full details will be announced later.

O. ARTHUR MCCURDIE,
Secretary.

Contributions

Since last reported in these columns, the following sums have been contributed to the National Union:

Previously reported	$263 50
Andover, N. H.	1 00
Beverly, Mass.	10 00
Boston, Mass., Herford Club	5 00
East Bridgewater, Mass.	5 00
West Bridgewater, Mass.	2 00
Carlisle, Mass.	2 00
Charlestown, N. H.	5 00
Cohasset, Mass.	5 00
Franklin, N. H.	5 00
Groton, Mass.	2 00
Miss Ella H. Jones	5 00
Lowell, Mass.	2 00
West Roxbury, Mass.	6 00
Taunton, Mass.	5 00
Walpole, Mass.	5 00
Winchendon, Mass.	3 00
Windsor, Vt.	5 00
Total	$336 50

The following sums have been contributed to Urbana, Ill.:

Neponset, Mass.	$1 00
Worcester, Mass. (So. Unitarian)	3 00
Total	$4 00

The following sume have been contributed for Field Work:

East Boston, Mass.	$2 00
East Bridgewater, Mass.	3 00
A Friend	25 00
Groton, Mass.	3 00
Lowell, Mass.	3 00
Norton, Mass.	5 00
West Roxbury, Mass.	5 00
Toronto, Canada	4 00

one seems pleased with its contents and many complimentary things have been said of this special Young People's Religious Union number.

Several unions have ordered a number of copies to be distributed among the members; in fact, every union could do this to advantage. The edition contains the best exposition of union work ever given to the public. It is not too late to order this February number. Copies can be obtained any time at Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, at the usual rate of 10 cents per single copy.

Annual Meeting

It may not be too early to attend to the selection of delegates to the annual meeting in May, as several of the organizations do not continue their meetings much beyond the first of April. Young People's Day occurs as usual on Thursday of Anniversary Week, May 27, in the Second Church, Copley Square, Boston, and every society, having paid its dues for the year, is entitled to three voting delegates.

The business meeting is to be called at 2 o'clock, and the evening meeting will be held as formerly in the church auditorium.

It is well to plan for these matters now, but later on notices, with delegates' cards, and other further particulars, will be sent the unions.

Our Sixth Biennial Fair

It hardly seems possible that the time has come around to begin preparations for our sixth biennial fair.

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Already circulars have reached the

number of helpers or assistants; so if one did not care to assume the chairmanship of a table, she might send in her name as an assistant.

The fair is to be held at Hotel Vendome, probably on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 27, 28, and 29. The place is a most convenient one, and we hope our friends will reserve the dates.

The committee will be grateful for any suggestions as to tables, decorations, and novel features. If your church has held a fair and found some special scheme attractive and successful, kindly send word concerning it to the chairman, Miss Floyd.

It is hoped the federations will take the active part they did at the last fair; for the fair of 1907 would never have been the success it was, were it not for the loyal support accorded it by the federations.

Several unions can unite in a table, even if not members of the same federation; far-away unions can unite with those nearer Boston, thus adding to the interest and sociability. It is hoped every one will take an interest and write Miss Floyd what she intends to do. If unable to aid by personal service, contributions of money will be acceptable.

The following comprise the Fair Committee:

Mrs. W. Scott Fitz, *Honorary President.*

Miss Mallie J. Floyd, *Chairman,* 56 Magnolia Street, Dorchester, Mass.

Mrs. Sanford Bates, *Secretary,* of the Lawrence Union, Third Religious Society, Dorchester, Mass.

Miss Rosamond Lang, of the King's Chapel Club, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. A. Quincy Emery, Boston, Mass.

Secretary Changes

Below are the recent changes in secretaries:

Andover, N. H.
(s) Mr. Oscar Mudgett.

Carlisle, Mass.
(s) Mrs. Alice L. Wilkins.

Fitchburg, Mass.
(s) Miss Martina H. Chase, 255 Blossom Street.

Francestown, N. H.
(s) Miss Mary E. Colburn.

Franklin, N. H.
(s) Miss Lillian Currier.

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
(s) Miss Lena Slocombe, 181 Locke Street, S.

Union Notes

West Bridgewater, Mass. — "We are having good meetings and well attended."

Franklin, N. H. — The Y. P. R. U. here is holding regular meetings with an average attendance of twenty-five, although the membership is much larger. The minister gives helpful talks and takes a great interest in the organization.

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. — "The work of our Young People's Religious Union is divided into three departments, viz., devotional, literary, and social. The literary meetings are held every two weeks on Wednesday evenings, the devotional on the first Sunday of each month, and the social about once a month. Our union is doing well, considering the circumstances under which it was organized, and the length of time it has been in existence. We have been renting a piano, but now we feel it would be more economical to purchase one, if it is at all possible to

Medfield, Mass. — Mr. O. A. McMurdie, the National Union Treasurer, visited the Medfield Union on Sunday evening, March 14, and spoke on "Faith in Our Public Men." He reports an interested and appreciative audience. Medfield is one of our older unions that has always kept up its interest — both local and national.

Worcester, Mass. — "Our own union is progressing finely under the leadership of a senior at Clark College. With his help a series of subjects has been worked up—of the beginning of religion, taking the old leaders and then working up to the more modern. A class of ten young boys, ranging in age from twelve to twenty, takes an active interest, having learned rulings and discussions in their Boys' Club, so the meetings are very interesting. There is always some discussion after the paper and often questions are asked which are very difficult to answer. The young people are all very much pleased with the new minister, Rev. Samuel C. Beane, Jr., and most of the boys have united with the church. The attendance at the meetings is good and the collection is always very fair. We have sent in our contribution this year, and I think it is the largest for a number of years. I account for the interest in our Y. P. R. U. and other organizations in that the boys have a gentleman as their leader, who tries to do all in his power to hold them, they are interested in what Mr. Beane has to say, he being thoroughly interested in them, and thirdly, our president's fine leadership. We are really 'on our feet' and will endeavor to keep there."

Points and Lines

If you have held an election of officers three accredited delegates to the annual meeting, the dues for the year must be paid before the meeting. Any contributions between May 1 and the annual meeting, while not debarring a union from representation, will not appear on the annual printed report.

Are you thinking of volunteering for an assistant at the fair next October? It is not too early now to notify the Chairman, Miss Mallie J. Floyd, 56 Magnolia Street, Dorchester, Mass., of what you will do to help.

The February number of the *Unitarian* is still on sale at headquarters. It is intended to keep a supply on hand for some time to come. Price 10 cents per copy.

We are anxious to raise our Life Membership to one hundred or more before the annual meeting. Already eighty two names are on the list. It would be a pleasant custom for a union to make its president or some loyal worker a Life Member, a grateful acknowledgment of months and perhaps years of devoted service. Some unions make the minister a Life Member in recognition of his interest and coöperation. Who will help make our Life Membership one hundred?

Annual Meeting of Boston Federation

The annual meeting of the Boston Federation will be held at All Souls' Church, Roxbury, Mass., on the afternoon and evening of Sunday, April 25. The afternoon meeting will be devoted to the election of officers for 1909-1910 and other business of the Federation. At the evening meeting the speakers

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Ministerial Personals. Rev. Louis H. Buckshorn has resigned in Concord, N. H. Rev. W. C. Peirce has received and accepted a call to West Somerville. Rev. W. H. Parker, of Reading, has received and accepted a call to Dedham, Mass. Rev. Hilary Bygrave, of Belmont, Mass., has received and accepted a call to Scituate, Mass. Rev. Alson H. Robinson, of Newburgh, N. Y., has received and accepted a call to Newton Center, Mass. Rev. James E. Wright, D.D., has resigned at Montpelier, Vt., to take effect on July 9, his seventieth birthday. Rev. S. B. Snow has resigned at Palo Alto, Cal. Rev. Maxwell Savage has resigned at Redlands, Cal.

May Meetings. The meetings of Anniversary Week, to be held May 23-28, promise to be of exceptional interest. An excellent program has been prepared, with all parts of the country ably represented. Two meetings will be held a public meeting of the Unitarian Fellowship of Social Justice. The speakers will be Mr. John Spargo, Prof. Chas. Zueblin, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. At the annual meeting of the Ministerial Union, the address will be given by Prof. William H. Carruth, of Lawrence, Kansas. The public meeting of the National Alliance of Unitarian and other Christian Women will be addressed by Mrs. John A. Bellows, Mrs. John W. Day, and Rev. Edward Everett Hale. On Monday evening the usual reception will be given at Hotel Somerset. Rev. Charles G. Ames, D.D., will give the address at the Berry Street Conference on Tuesday morning. The usual business sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. Much business of interest and importance will be presented and discussed. At the public meeting on Tuesday evening, ex-Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., will preside, and addresses will be given by Rev. Chas. E. St. John, of

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S. Weirs, Rev. F. R. Sturtevant, Rev. H. C. McDougall, and Rev. H. H. Saunderson. It is hoped that this year, which is one of exceptional promise and opportunity to the Unitarian Church, there will be a large attendance at all of these meetings so that as many as possible may add to and share in the enthusiasm and impetus of the occasion.

A Southwestern Missionary Trip

Rev. Charles W. Casson, Secretary of the Publicity Department of the American Unitarian Association, spent the month of March in traveling through the Southwestern States, having as his special purpose the discovery and development of interest in the Unitarian faith in new fields there. After preaching in Kansas City and addressing the members of the church in Wichita, Kansas, he went to Oklahoma. A number of meetings were held in the principal cities throughout the state under the charge of Rev. Ward R. Clarke, the energetic minister of the church in Oklahoma City. Two meetings were held in Shawnee, where a good number of enthusiastic liberals were found and where much interest was evident. In Guthrie, the capital, an excellent meeting was held in the City Hall, attended by many of the most prominent men of the city. A meeting in Enid was also of much interest, many questions being asked at the close of the lecture. was held in the Jewish Temple, and the other two in a large vacant store on the main street, which had been specially seated for the purpose, and which, on the second night, was filled to the doors. The two services held in the Jewish Temple the Sunday following were largely attended and most successful in every way, many becoming interested in the Unitarian faith.

From Oklahoma Mr. Casson went to Texas, where a number of meetings had been arranged by Rev. Marion F. Ham, minister of the Dallas Church. In many cities in Texas, including Austin, San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Houston, are many people who have become Unitarians either through the Post Office Mission or who carried their liberal faith with them from the East and North. Splendid opportunities are offered in at least six cities in this state for the organization of Unitarian churches. Nothing is needed but the men who will go in and do the work. On Sunday Mr. Casson preached in the Dallas Church, and in the evening many gathered at the home of Mr. Buddy for an informal social meeting.

After attending the Southern Conference, Mr. Casson, owing to a severe cold, was forced to cancel four engagements of his trip and returned by way of Atlanta, Ga., where he assisted in the installation of Rev. J. W. Rowlett. Here conditions were found to be most

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The Unitarian Associates. Scattered throughout the United States and out of reach of any church of their own faith are hundreds of Unitarians who have thus got out of touch with the work of the Unitarian fellowship. In almost every case there is a desire upon the part of these isolated Unitarians to do something to help the liberal movement forward. What they desire is a task much more than a truth. In order to bring them into active fellowship with the Association and its work, what is known as "The Unitarian Associates" has been established. It aims to enlist the active support of all who wish to contribute in some way to the furtherance of the Unitarian movement.

The following pledge is signed by every Associate: "Believing in the principles of freedom and progress in religion, and realizing the need of their declaration and adoption in the personal and social life of to-day, I hereby become an active member of The Unitarian Associates, pledging myself to the advancement of the Unitarian movement by all means within my power."

The purpose is thus stated: "The Unitarian Associates are those who, for purposes of comradeship and coöperation, wish to take active part in the declaration and diffusion of Unitarian principles. Upon the payment of one dollar or more to the American Unitarian Association, each Unitarian Associate will receive the monthly official publication, WORD AND WORK, notices Unitarians who at the present time are not doing anything to aid the general work.

Publicity Campaign. It is proposed to print one more lot of local editions of "The Church of the Modern Spirit" for use in publicity campaigns, as already outlined in WORD AND WORK. If any church wishes to avail itself of the offer of the Publicity Department, and have such an edition printed with a special last page, extending the invitation of the local church, it will be necessary to act at once, as these will be printed not later than the 10th of May. Already 46,000 copies of this booklet have been circulated, and reports come from many points of the effectiveness of the work done. Its systematic distribution in the vicinity of a Unitarian church invariably results in increased attendance and interest. Nothing is asked of the local church except a pledge that such systematic distribution will be carried out.

NOTES

In Salem, Mass., a most successful series of union evening services has been held during the last winter. The three churches in the city have united, three services being held in each. Much interest was aroused, and the attendance ranged from 150 to 350.

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The church in New London, Conn.,

An event of much interest during the last month has been the opening and dedication of a handsome new parish house erected by the Woman's Alliance of the Church in New Orleans. This has been done entirely by the Alliance, and is to be used for Sunday-school and social purposes and as their headquarters and meeting place. This parish house will add greatly to the efficiency of the church in the city and fills a need long felt.

A correspondent from Atlanta, Ga., writes: "The most interesting and profitable event of the year for the Unitarian church in Atlanta was the installation of its new minister, Rev. J. W. Rowlett, D.D., on March 28. Rev. Chas. W. Casson and Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, who were in attendance at the Conference at New Orleans, gave the charge. The congregation was more than pleased with these visitors and gave them a warm welcome. Rev. Mr. Foote preached a fine sermon on individual spirituality in the morning. At night, his charge to the minister was earnest and full of advice and inspiration. Mr. Casson's charge was practical and also felicitous, often bringing a smile to the faces of his hearers. Rev. Dean Ellenwood, of the Universalist Church, in a most pleasant speech, warned Dr. Rowlett of the difficulties which beset the path of a liberal minister in an orthodox community. Although only in charge of the church for

held in the Third Unitarian Church, Dorchester, Mass., during this last winter, have been of much interest. Each Sunday some special topic has been treated by a speaker specially qualified, and afterwards the meeting has been thrown open for discussion. This has introduced a degree of democracy into the meeting which has been much appreciated, and which has added greatly to the effectiveness of result.

Rev. Milton R. Kerr is having excellent success in his work at Greeley, Colo. His sane interpretation of religion in terms of social duty is resulting in a new and wholesome interest in the church life and a new enthusiasm of ambition and action.

In Sioux City, Ia., a series of nature sermons, illustrated by the stereopticon, are being given by Rev. M. B. Townsend. He is an enthusiastic nature student and lover, and believes that such study is conducive to the development of the highest feelings and forces. A neat mailing card effectively announces the series.

In Wellington, New Zealand, a Unitarian church has just been organized, as the result of the work of Rev. Tudor Jones. Already there is a membership of two hundred, including many prominent people, a site has been bought, and a building will be erected at once.

An interesting instance of church co-

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June 1, on the "Ivernia." Mr. Wendte will visit various Unitarian countries, — England, Holland, and France, — to arouse interest among our foreign allies in the Fifth Congress of the International Council of Unitarian and Other Religious Liberals, which is to be held at Berlin in early August, 1910, and to confer with the local German Committees in Berlin, Cologne, Hanover, and Bremen. Together with ex-Governor Guild of Massachusetts, he will represent the American Unitarian Association at the 350th Anniversary of the University and Theological Seminary at Geneva, Switzerland, founded by John Calvin, — in response to its official invitation. Mr. Wendte will also attend the 500th Anniversary of the University of Leipzig. On June 13 he preaches in Liverpool, England. He will be away a little over two months.

Department of Social and Public Service. The Social Service Library is in charge of the Department of Social and Public Service, and is for the use of ministers, members of Alliances, Sunday-school workers, study classes, Post Office Mission correspondents, and others who may wish to use it. The use of the library is free and books will be sent to any person desiring them, the borrower to pay return postage.

The following are the rules of the library:

Borrowers may have no more than two books from the library at the same time.

Books marked with * may be consulted at the Library, but will not be sent out.

Address:

Department of Social and Public Service,
25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Within the last month the Secretary has preached at the First Church and the Westminster Church, Providence, R. I., on subjects in the province of the Department, and has spoken to the Alliances of Fall River, Framingham, Lowell, and Belmont, Mass.

Mr. Forbes will be glad to make engagements now for next fall. He will address Alliances on Social Service and Woman's Interest in Social Welfare. He will have a lecture on the "Problem of the City and the Church," another, illustrated by the stereopticon, on "How Some People Live and How They Might Live," and other lectures and addresses on kindred topics.

Tuckerman School. The Tuckerman School reopened April 6 after a recess of one week. The courses of lectures are continuing on Thursday and Saturday of each week, and, in addition, a course in Church History on Friday mornings is being given. This is exceedingly interesting and valuable and forms the background for the study of History of Development of Unitarian Churches which will be given next year.

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Publication Department.

"Jasper Douthit's Story: The Autobiography of a Pioneer," has just been published. It is the unique and dramatic life of a Unitarian preacher and reformer, told by himself with characteristic simplicity and unaffected modesty. From the time he ran away from home as a boy to satisfy an early yearning for an education down to the present hour, his life has abounded in interesting and sometimes exciting episodes. As a lecturer, temperance reformer, anti-slavery advocate, and missionary preacher, and finally as the founder and developer of the Lithia Springs Chautauqua, his book is a stimulating record of human endeavor joined with triumphant Christian faith.

Another spring publication is "Whose Son Is Christ?" by Frederick Delitzsch, widely known as the author of "Babel and Bible." The liberal German theologian's point of view is naturally taken, and the writer examines carefully the original sources in the light of modern scholarship with reference to their bearing upon this question. The method of research is free from preconceived notions and religious prejudice, and although the author has a conclusion, it is not reached by distorted inquiry or a predetermined goal.

Of musical publications, "Choir Hymns" and "Choir Chorals" are announced as ready. These, as their names indicate, are intended primarily for choirs in our liberal churches, and are made up of hymns and tunes not altogether unfamiliar. The hymns and tunes of the "Choir Hymns" are meant to be sung, as a rule, without accompaniment. They are not intended to discourage congregational singing, however, but it is believed that this form of choir singing can be made especially expressive of the faith and hope of Christian people and an aid to their worship.

The "Choir Chorals" are selected from the German Chorals and the Old English Psalter. These, too, are reprinted from "Hymns of the Ages." These chorals have a simplicity and dignity which makes them especially fitted for impressing the thought and feeling of Scripture, prayer, and sermon. They are admirably adapted to congregational singing, and are found in almost all good hymn books, but they are peculiarly effective when sung by a well-balanced and suitably trained chorus or quartette choir. The words set to the chorals in this collection are not meditative hymns or rhymed didactics. They are hymns of praise and prayer, addressed to the object of worship, and they are printed in every case as the authors wrote them.

Sample copies of both the "Choir Hymns" and the "Choir Chorals" for examination with reference to choir use can be had by addressing the Publication Department of the American Unitarian Association.

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All branches should give attention to the call for the annual meeting, which this year is of much importance, as vice-presidents and directors for the next two years are to be elected. If possible, delegates should attend the meeting, otherwise ballots with credentials should be sent to the recording secretary in time to be counted.

The public meeting on May 24, in the afternoon, promises to be of unusual interest. Addresses will be given by Mrs. John A. Bellows on "Children and Old Testament Stories," Mrs. H. T. Comstock on "Children's Literature from an Ethical Standpoint," and Mrs. John W. Day on "Characteristic Forces of the Alliance." Every one interested is cordially invited to attend.

The annual meeting is also an open meeting to all those who care to hear the reports of the various committees and the business to be transacted.

The Executive Board held its regular meeting on April 9 with fourteen present.

The Nominating Committee presented the ballot to be voted on at the annual meeting, and appreciation of its work was expressed by the board.

The Cheerful Letter Committee reported good results from posters placed in third and fourth class post-offices in with the conference at New Orleans, March 23-25, were received. The session was presided over by Miss Harriet E. Spalding, of Dallas, Texas, and proved to be an instructive and inspiring meeting. "There was but little time for discussion, as every one wished first to hear all about the Southern Circuits from Mrs. Peterson and then of Post Office Mission and Paragraph Pulpit from Mr. Casson of the American Unitarian Association. Both of these speakers covered work that was of vital importance in our Southern field, and every one present seemed to realize this fact and wish to learn as much as possible about them to carry home to the local branches. Consequently most of the time was given to these two addresses and to asking questions of the speakers." At a roll-call each branch responded by giving the most important event of the past year, relating to its new work. "There was a very decided desire to compare and note work in the Southern field. Where one branch reported something not undertaken by the others, all became interested and plied questions regarding that line of work."

After the conference, Rev. A. J. Coleman and the chairman of the Southern Committee visited Mr. Gibson's field at Apalachicola, Fla. Here, on Saturday and Sunday, March 27 and 28, two services each day were held in the Armory

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them. Mr. Coleman's earnest and enthusiastic presentation of our Gospel was much appreciated by those who were trying to "find themselves" in religious thought, and all felt that the stay at Apalachicola was well worth while. It was impossible to arrange for visits to other places, except to friends at Greensboro and Edwards. Mr. Gibson is far from well, but hopes to be strong enough to make his usual round of engagements in April.

The work in the North Carolina Circuits is continuing as usual, except for the very special occasion of the dedication of the new church at Pink Hill, in Mr. Gillilan's circuit.

This church was organized by Rev. C. W. Gillilan last June, and the new church building is just completed through the efforts of the people and the assistance of the National Alliance. An organ has been sent by the Sunday-school at Medfield, Mass., a pulpit Bible and responsive service books from Alliance headquarters, and five or six hundred volumes for a library have been contributed by Alliance branches or Sunday-schools in Barre and Lancaster, Mass., and Syracuse, N. Y. Besides the ministers of the North Carolina Circuits, Rev. Messrs. Gillilan, Cowan, and Key, the teachers of the Emmerton School, Swansboro, Miss Fessenden and Miss Frost, and the Misses Willson of Salem, Mass., were present at the service of dedication on Sunday, March 28. A service was held Saturday evening and two on Sunday — Rev. W. S. Key preached the dedicatory sermon Sunday morning, and all three services held the to the friends of liberal religion in that section.

On her way back from the Southern Conference, Mrs. Peterson visited the Alliance branches at Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C., and had an opportunity to see the new church at Jacksonville. "It is one we all may be proud of, indeed, it is the most beautiful though, perhaps, the smallest and least expensive of the churches of Jacksonville. The people are very happy over it and most grateful for the help given them by sister branches. As both the meetings at Jacksonville and Charleston were special meetings, the number present was not large, but all seemed interested in Alliance work both within and without the home church."

It was voted that the services of Rev. J. C. Gibson, Rev. W. E. Cowan, and Rev. W. C. Gillilan should be retained for the coming year, 1909-10.

The director for New Hampshire reported visits to the branches at Keene and Walpole, being heartily greeted at each place. The president gave an account of a most agreeable afternoon spent with the active branch at Lynn, Mass.

No new appeal was presented, but it is hoped that those now before the Alliance will be nearly, if not quite, completed by the time of the annual meeting. Iowa City was especially mentioned as desirable to be finished, as members of other denominations are saying that the church is not needed.

Most of the Alliance branches belong to strong, self-supporting churches, meeting their own and others' needs, and it is hard for them to appreciate

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to one's own faith trying to make it understood and respected. To encourage and sustain such cases are the opportunities of the Alliance, presented by the investigating Committee on Appeals.

Appeals now before the branches:

Iowa City, Iowa	$110 00
Hanska, Minn.	112 00
New Orleans, La.	534 00
Andover, N. H.	486 75

Needed for

Meadville Students	$33 00
Pacific School	61 50
Green Harbor	65 00

The branch at Fairhaven, Mass., has made the wife of its minister, Mrs. Frank L. Phalen, a Life Member of the National Alliance. The branch in New Bedford, Mass., has honored Mrs. Caroline Eliot Stetson in the same way.

The Lending paper, known to many of the branches as The Forty Questions, has been revised and will be ready for other branches who wish for it. The questions are concerning the various organizations of the Unitarian denomination and their consideration makes a profitable Alliance meeting.

Those branches that are seeking for some sort of responsive service for the opening of Alliance meetings, will find an admirable one prepared by the branch at Quincy, Mass. This is the arrangement of the motto familiar to us all:

THEREFORE

I believe in the Fatherhood of God.
Therefore, I keep my heart pure, and my thoughts set upon high things, that I may grow into the life divine.
I believe in Salvation by Character.
Therefore, I keep my heart pure, and my thoughts set upon high things, that I may grow into the life divine.
I believe in the Progress of Mankind, onward and upward forever.
Therefore, the cares of this world cannot utterly weigh me down. The glory of the unseen is ever before me. I live not for this world only, but in anticipation of an infinite future.

A very valuable paper, "What shall Unitarians teach Children," by Mrs. W. M. Backus of St. Paul, has been brought to our notice. We trust it may be added to the Lending Papers at headquarters.

Those branches where the Sewing Circle is still considered important and necessary will like to read the following from the report of the large branch in Cincinnati: "Our weekly meetings, where social work for head, heart and hands is carried on, are of unquestionable value, nourishing in our natures principles of charity, kindness and good will to men; where the tripping notes of the sewing machines, like the whirr of the spinning wheels in days gone by, make accompaniment for words of friendship, sympathy and helpfulness; where the stranger may come and find friends; where those who are blessed with long acquaintance in familiar surroundings, with many friends, may come and give out from their abundance. This

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consider the companionship of the members of paramount importance."

This branch, at its open meetings, has proved the advantage of general discussion on topics of general interest, and its Post Office Mission and other Alliance work are carefully conducted.

By invitation, a joint meeting of Universalist and Unitarian women will be held in the Roxbury Universalist Church, Tuesday, May 4, at 10.30 A.M. Subject, "Ways of making our work really national in its scope." Representatives from the Woman's Universalist Missionary Society and from the National Alliance will speak, to be followed by a general discussion and comparison of methods. Take any Warren Street car to Buena Vista Street. The church is opposite the Roxbury High School.

Reports were from the Western branches.

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The Director writes that "all has gone smoothly and prosperously with us. The year has been a quiet one."

The Cincinnati Branch has considered at its monthly talks the various aspects of Child Life, including Story-telling, Home-Making, and A Child's Religion. One interesting occasion was a Parish Reception, at which Dr. S. A. Eliot gave an address on "Notable Phases of Unitarian Work." A Holiday Party was given the Sunday-school, and much charitable work has been done. The annual fair and a stereopticon lecture were the means of raising money.

Unity Branch keeps bravely together doing charity work and distributing literature. Of the eight members, all are now sixty years of age, and several are over eighty.

The Toledo Branch, with sixty-five members, has contributed largely to the Paragraph Pulpit and made many garments for charity.

The Marietta Branch has tried the experiment of an evening meeting once a month with excellent success. Regular business meetings are still held in the afternoon, but luncheon. Quilting and sewing rugs are the chief industries. The Red Letter Day was the special Alliance meeting at the time of the Meadville Conference.

The Salem Branch has held fortnightly meetings, considering "Great Unitarian Hymn Writers." The members pay ten cents each time, and sewing helps in money raising. The branch supports a Paragraph Pulpit in a Salem paper.

The Cleveland Alliance, with more than a hundred members, has an average attendance of forty-seven, and this number represents a hive of busy bees. At least forty are women who are never absent, never weary, and never negligent of the smallest church duty. It is a fine force for a Pastor's Aid. Nearly $2,400 were raised during the past year, of which the Paragraph Pulpit received about $400. Two hundred dollars were contributed to the general fund of the church for seats for strangers. Every appeal made by the National Board was answered. Home charities received $300. The two gala days were the Big Christmas Fair, which was gay and beautiful, as well as profitable, and the special luncheon, which is now made an annual affair, and Unitarian women from neighboring towns are specially invited. A musical program follows the luncheon, and new members are sure to result from the occasion. The Post Office Mission list was more than doubled by the Paragraph Pulpit. "Unitarian Hymn Writers" made the subject for literary afternoons, and one day was devoted to the singing of favorite hymns.

MINNESOTA

Hanska reports that the Alliance stands in the closest possible relation to the church, and for several years past has been working for improvements on the church property. Have finished the parsonage at an expense of $300. Meetings well attended, the minister contributing to the program. The best possible spirit prevails in the community. This church took a leading part in defeating the liquor traffic.

Adrian reports a membership of only eleven, who keep up their meetings, and so keep together a church which has no minister but owns a beautiful little church building.

Underwood reports the Alliance is the only active part of the church. They have no minister, and the number of members decreases by deaths and removals. There is a vast field of work waiting for the right man.

Duluth reports the Alliance is the only society of the church. A former minister called it the backbone of the church. Have had several social affairs. For two years they tried raising money by direct giving, but it was not satisfactory, as the same few women did all the work and contributed all the money. Have bought new hymn books, and have all voted that they will be members of the National Alliance. They have committees on music, property, membership, Post Office Mission.

Minneapolis, Nazareth Church. The Women's Alliance is meeting regularly. This church has no minister, but Mr. Backus is preaching for them Sunday evenings. They also have a small Sunday-school.

The branch at St. Paul has largely increased its membership. Has given $600 to the committee for building an addition to the church, and has expended about $300 in church work and charity.

WISCONSIN

The Kenosha Alliance opened its eighth year with a membership of thirty-eight. A high standard of excellence has been maintained in the literary department, the year's program including papers on: "Poetry as a Moral and Spiritual Influence," "Alice Freeman Palmer," "The Abraham Lincoln Centenary," "A Plea for the Old in Literature," "Are Sects Desirable in Religion?" and others, all given by members of the Alliance. Much interest is shown in the discussion following the papers. The Alliance took up the matter of playgrounds for the children during the summer months. Permission was secured to fit up and use one of the public school grounds. The Playgrounds Committee are now at work carrying out their plans. Classes in sewing and cooking were opened in the early fall. These classes were held in church parlors and kitchens. A fee of five cents for each lesson was charged.

The Madison Alliance consists of forty-six members, and the work for the past year has been very similar to that of former years. The all-day meetings which are held primarily for work have been even more successful as social meetings. Six receptions have been held in the church parlors, where we have heard some very interesting speakers and good music, followed by a social hour and light refreshments. Various sales have brought in about $800. The church has been given $200 and a note with interest amounting to $253 has been paid.

MICHIGAN

The ten branches number about 460 members. Three of the churches have been without a minister and are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts to carry on their work alone.

Ann Arbor, at its weekly literary meetings, has remembered the 100th anniversaries of Mendelssohn, Darwin, Poe, and Tennyson. The Sewing department has made rugs, aprons, and fancy articles for the annual Christmas sale. Last summer held several lawn picnics at the close of work; refreshments served under the trees, the gentlemen joining. At the present time they are putting hard wood floors in their church parlors.

The Brooklyn Branch observed Lincoln Day and Inauguration Day with programs interesting and profitable. Has given ten dollars to its janitor, who had the misfortune to meet with a serious accident. Has also made its president an annual member of the American Unitarian Temperance Society.

Through its various departments the Detroit Branch has been working for local for fairs have been answered. The Branch has taken "Great Hymns of Our Faith" for its literary study. The Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter Committees have been faithful in their work. The Junior Alliance has been very helpful and has worked for the Visiting Nurses' Association, the Children's Ward of the Woman's Hospital, and cheered the hearts of Miss Frost's pupils by sending them eighteen beautifully dressed dolls to Shelter Neck for Christmas.

At Grand Rapids, the Holland church is represented in its branch by 76 earnest workers, who meet weekly, alternating for work and social pleasures. Besides a successful fair, each member earned a dollar which, with the proceeds of a plate supper, enabled them to give $100 to the fund for grading the street in front of the church. Doubtless the most enjoyable part was the narration of the manner in which the dollars were earned.

At Jackson, beside the usual monthly meetings, the branch has had several all-day meetings for work and pleasure combined, each member bringing something for the luncheon, to which the gentlemen also came, leaving with the treasurer their quarters. A rummage sale, fair, suppers, and small monthly pledges have netted $465. The members have bought new carpets, but above all, they are most proud of the spirit of friendliness and optimism which pervades, and of loyalty to the cause.

Kalamazoo reports regular fortnightly meetings with a program held in the church parlors. On alternate weeks they meet in the homes, going in the morning and staying late, to keep up with the orders for rugs and articles for sale. They have a picnic dinner, and the spirit that prevails is most delightful.

Mount Pleasant has raised $240 by rummage sales, suppers, a lecture, and a donation sale given by one of the merchants to the churches of the city. Ten per cent of the gross receipts for a week was given the churches supplying as clerks a lady from each church for each day. The money has been expended for much needed renovation of the church, music, and a debt.

At Onsted the members have worked assiduously without the aid of a pastor. Have painted the church exterior and interior, made new sidewalk, contributed to the American Unitarian Association, held a monthly social, with good attendance, shipped four barrels of clothing to the fire sufferers in Northern Michigan, and made rugs and quilts, besides the annual fair.

Sherwood has also been without a minister, and having lost some of its most able members, has weathered the discouraging situation by upholding the interest through the Alliance holding the monthly meetings, serving dinners, selling baked goods, taking orders for sewing, and preparing for a coming fair. All appeals have been answered. Contributions have been made to the American Unitarian Association and Western Conference. Forty-nine dollars deposited in a defunct bank was lost. Seventy dollars additional has been earned, which was expended in repairs on the church and

church, cultivating the soil, and enriching it, and proving that gardening is great joy."

In the words of the President's annual address "that it is good work we are sure, that it is good for us we are also sure, and believing that it would be good for others, therefore we invite and urge every woman interested in such work, whether of this church or not, to join with us."

Money has been raised in a multitude of ways and distributed largely in charity. The literary meetings have presented much food for thought in valuable papers and a series of talks by the minister upon "The Unitarian Church in America." The visit of Rev. S. A. Eliot was a great pleasure and encouragement to all.

ILLINOIS

The Director writes that Alliance work in the state has shown a steady growth during the past year. In some cases there have been apologies for a small attendance at meetings, but the amount of work accomplished and the interest in the welfare of the churches and the communities generally have shown no diminution. In very many cases the Alliance has contributed to the financial support of the church, and in most cases it has taken care of the social life of the church.

Bloomington reports a good attendance all the year and has been interested in the study of "Unitarianism in New England." The sewing society has done much for the betterment of the church.

Buda reports working all summer for a sale to raise money for church expenses. The church having been without a minister since October, the responsibility of keeping up the social life of the church has fallen on the Alliance.

Unity Church, Chicago, reports 48 members, all of whom are National members, and has had a very successful year. A sale netted $200. It has made wrappers for the Children's Free Hospital, and dresses for the School Children's Aid Society. It has furnished table linen and comforters for the Elm Street Settlement, and packed two barrels of clothing for needy families.

Chicago. The First Unitarian Church Branch has had a prosperous year, although the closing of the old church has taken several of the active members away, owing to the distance to the chapel, and not to a lack of enthusiasm. It was decided early in the season to abolish the annual bazaar and try the plan of popular contributions. The plan has proved quite successful. Mr. Pulsford has given a series of lectures on the Old Testament on every alternate Friday. The sewing has been entirely for charity. Luncheon has been served at all meetings. Suppers and socials have been held, and the Associate Alliance was entertained in February. Two hundred dollars were given to trustees of the church.

Third Church, Chicago, has 44 National members, and held all-day meetings in the fall to prepare for a sale. Since then a pital, and sewed for the Convalescent Home. A new method of raising money was taken in hand by one of the members, who obtained subscribers to A Penny a Day Fund, each subscriber agreeing to give a penny for each day during the year. The result amounted to about $115.

The First Swedish Branch reports almost doubling its membership during the past year. It has given liberally towards the church expenses and made donations of articles and money to sister branches. It has had one sale, two basket parties, and one outing. At each meeting there has been reading and discussion on some social or religious subject.

The Evanston Alliance is planning to build church parlors, and a sale netted $250 for this fund. It provided a Christmas tree and supper for the members of the church. Last year the Alliance was invited to meet with the Union Missionary Society of Evanston. This year it was honored by a place on the program at a meeting of the Society, and the secretary of the Alliance gave an address on the "Missionary Work of the Unitrian Church."

At Hinsdale the Alliance has held meetings every two weeks, with a box luncheon, at the homes of the members. A supper was the means of bringing together a large number of people for a social evening, and helped to fill an empty treasury. It has contributed $300 to the support of the church and responded to various appeals. It has made dresses for the children of the Fresh Air Fund and sent a barrel of clothing to the Chicago Commons. The members are earning money to be turned in at an experience meeting and to be used to refurnish the church.

The Geneva Branch, with only thirteen members, has done its usual good work. It has had the generous assistance of the young people, who are organized as a Junior Alliance, in preparing for a sale. The young people also donated $50, which were the proceeds of a rummage sale. The branch has responded to appeals and has paid for repairs on the church organ.

Geneseo reports regular monthly meetings, with readings that have been helpful. A sale netted $200. The church has been given financial help, and various appeals have been responded to.

At Moline the Alliance has about twenty members, and is doing good socially and financially. It has had several bakery sales, a supper before Thanksgiving, a fair and Dutch supper before Christmas. It has paid for good music all winter and has helped with the other expenses of the church.

Urbana, the youngest branch of the Alliance, has thirty members. It has raised money for church furnishings and organ fund by monthly suppers, a fair, a concert, and a rummage sale. The monthly suppers also contribute to sociability in the church. It gives an informal reception each month to the women of the congregation.

At Alton the Anna D. Sparks' Society has

fact that their president has serious illness in her family.

The Industrial Society at Quincy reports a busy winter. Meetings are held fortnightly at the homes of members and have been well attended, the five o'clock tea making them agreeable little parties as well as business sessions. Two meetings were devoted to sewing for the Orphans' Home. A Christmas sale and supper were held.

The new branch at Bloomington reports everything in a flourishing condition. The attendance varies from twenty to thirty, and the meetings are most interesting. Some of the ladies are bending their energies toward furnishing the parlor of the church, which is a very attractive and complete church home.

MISSOURI

Kansas City has had an Alliance meeting every Friday since October. The second Friday of every month has been given to a literary program with the general subject of "Liberal Ideas of the Day," including Religion, Science, Art, Democracy, Letters, etc.

At St. Louis the Eliot Branch reports 106 members. Sewing meetings held weekly to make outfits for the children of the Mission Home, and as the inmates are transient the work is endless. There is an active Post Office Mission Committee, doing excellent work, also a Cheerful Letter Committee, sending out quantities of literature and distributing magazines at the prisons. The literary work has been in the form of debates. Some of the subjects were as follows: "Is the Social Settlement the best means of improving Social Conditions?" "Six of America's Most Famous Women," "Is Co-Education Desirable?" "Does the House Interior accurately represent the Personality of the Occupant?" Two large social events were most successful. A large Comedy Club is giving a play this month for the benefit of the free bed which the Sunday-school maintains in the Children's Hospital. The branch has responded to all appeals in some measure and never forgets that "a friendly thought is the purest gift of man to man."

At Unity Branch, St. Louis, the season has been full of interest. Literary work has been along the lines of rather serious fiction, the program embracing: Howell's "Son of Royal Longwith," Geo. Meredith's "Egoist," James's "Portrait of a Lady," Deland's "Awakening of Helena Ritchie," Barrie's "Little White Bird." The weekly meetings are really social occasions, interspersed with sewing. Altogether, the branch never had a brighter outlook than at present. This branch is working with the Eliot Branch to assist the Visiting Nurses' Association. The branch furnishes refreshments for the Men's Club, which meets monthly.

Mrs. Mersereau also reports that the two branches in St. Louis and the two in Alton, month, except the ones containing Easter and Christmas. To promote sociability a supper is given in January. A Young Ladies' Society of fifteen members meets with the branch on program afternoons, serve on committees, and do local and state charities work.

Hudson reports no services or minister, but in spite of this the branch has commenced meetings again at the homes of the six members, the member entertaining acting as the presiding officer for the day. The Secretary writes: "Not a member passes the church without a heartache for the church they love."

Arcadia reports meetings every second Tuesday and good financial condition, having sent dues to the National treasury and other money contributions, and have over $50 in the treasury.

IOWA

The Ladies' Circle of Sioux City meets at homes of members for ten months in the year. After the business a literary program was given. Light refreshments are served and a small collection taken. This branch is a member of the Federation of Women's Clubs. Money has been raised during the past year by means of sales, suppers, and entertainments. A flower committee looks after the decorations of the church and sends flowers to the sick. Post Office Mission work is one of the departments of work. "This branch has been a very strong, helpful factor in the work of the Sioux City church. It has been very active and successful in raising money and has given it generously wherever it was most needed in the church work. Not only has the Sioux City Circle given to its own denomination, but it has reached out to city philanthropies outside its own fold."

The Rock Rapids Branch, a little band of eight or nine faithful, earnest women are still holding on with their usual zeal, hoping for better things. Regular meetings have not been held during the winter, but they will soon be resumed. The church building was exchanged for a smaller building, which they are to repair this spring and put in shape for church and Sunday-school services. They have no minister, a layman reading sermons at Sunday services. These few women have earned $140, which they will put into the new building. They feel very grateful to the National Alliance for help in way of money and letters of encouragement from the Eastern Alliance women and officers.

The Humboldt Branch meets fortnightly the year round and is a very important auxiliary of the church. The regular meetings are primarily devoted to the culture and uplift of its members. Fairs, suppers, and food sales are the usual methods used for obtaining money, which is given where it is most needed to carry on the work of the church. The organist is paid and church and parsonage are kept insured and in re-

ment, and dollar sociables, each member earning a dollar and telling how she earned it. Last year the total earnings amounted to over $600.

The Iowa City Branch numbers fourteen members, and meets every Friday. This Branch has been devoting its energies to procuring furnishings for the new church. The members obtained subscriptions for the Look-in products, thereby getting a number of pieces of furniture as premiums. A bazaar netted $100. They are now helping the young people in preparing to give the old English play, "Every Man." The branch does some Post Office Mission work. They acknowledge their appreciation of what the National Alliance is doing for them and are very grateful for the same. There is every indication for a prosperous year before them.

Davenport holds weekly meetings from September to January, and fortnightly meetings from January to June. Raises money by fairs, fines, and dues. A large part of their earnings go to the support of the church, but they pay dues to the National Alliance and do a considerable Post Office Mission work. As a branch it is loyal and active.

KANSAS

Mrs. Learnard writes: "That the three Kansas branches are slowly but surely gaining ground in numbers and influence. They are carrying out the usual program of meetings and entertainments, each in its own way according to their respective circumstances and needs."

In Wichita a new and successful feature of the work is an evening service every two weeks, at which, after the regular literary program a social gathering, with refreshments, follows. Mr. and Mrs. Day have fully identified themselves with the aims and methods of the church and Alliance, adding new interest and zeal to the work. It is hoped that the Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter work will soon be resumed.

The Topeka Branch is holding a literary afternoon once a month, with religious reading and devotional exercises. In addition to its usual routine work the branch expects to take up Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter work, also hopes to add a Book Table later. Last spring the Associate Alliance was pleasantly entertained by this branch, and an interesting program was rendered which was heartily participated in by those present.

The Lawrence Branch has suffered an irreparable loss by the taking away of two of its most influential members, Mrs. W. H. Carruth and Mrs. C. G. Howland, but the lesson of their beautiful lives remains to encourage and inspire. Perhaps the Study Class is growing to be the most important part of the Alliance work. This year it is taking up "Hymns and Hymn Writers" increased on account of the controversy in regard to Mr. Taft's religious views. The branch has paid for a new carpet for the church, and is now helping to purchase a new pipe organ.

NEBRASKA

Lincoln is a most promising branch and going on with full strength.

Omaha is holding its own and will doubtless make some progress.

Ord has a small group of earnest, consecrated women who need a leader. The branch still held regular meetings at last report, and was not utterly discouraged.

Republican City has a strong, devoted leader in the president, and while there is not much hope of growth she is doing great good.

BELATED MASSACHUSETTS REPORTS

Arlington Branch, as usual, is making garments for the Children's Mission. It has held food sales and found it a satisfactory way of raising funds.

Bedford and Billerica have each held a successful fair. Belmont has planned a varied program for its study class.

Cambridge First Parish is studying the allied Unitarian organizations. Cambridge Third Congregational is studying Unitarian Leaders.

Chestnut Hill Chapel will be addressed each month by a clergyman or leader in some denomination. Framingham studies the work of the American Unitarian Association. One of their members is teaching again this year at Dix House, Shelter Neck, and has interested the branch to sew for the thinly-clad children there. Lexington has held a very successful fair, netting $1,100, which it will use in paying for improvement of its vestry. Mr. Wilson gave three lectures on "Milton" before its members. Malden Branch has nine members in a city containing more than two hundred Unitarian families, but the Universalist church, which is large and flourishing, has drawn them from the Unitarian church, which is closed. The Alliance held a sale on November 6, assisted by contributions from many of the city and suburban churches, and is loyally sending its proceeds to other societies needing help. Mrs. Fifield spoke before the Medford Branch on "The Relation of the Woman's Alliance to Women's Clubs." Melrose held a successful fair, realizing $900. It is much interested in the work of Morgan Memorial.

Natick, after a disappointing experience with monthly meetings, has resumed fortnightly meetings. It finds the Flower Mission an agreeable activity. At Newton, Mrs. Clara B. Bentley spoke on Sunday-school work.

West Newton Branch held a successful fair. It is studying this year, "Religious Leaders," beginning with Marcus Aurelius,

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The ninth regular meeting of the Board of Directors for 1908-1909 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, April 6, at 1 P.M. Pres. Saunderson presided, and there were present: Miss Burrage, Miss Floyd, Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Sharples, Mr. Shurtleff, Mr. Sturtevant, Mr. Wahlberg, and the Secretary.

As Mr. Percy A. Atherton, the chairman of the Policy Committee, was present, the routine business was deferred while Mr. Atherton presented to the Board his plans for the year regarding the recommendations of the committee. One definite object is to be proposed for missionary work, besides a Field Secretary for Field Work. This latter is no new proposal, as there have been hints towards this in other years. Several pertinent questions were then asked, all being met and answered by Mr. Atherton and the president.

Voted: to approve the contemplated report of the Policy Committee.

The secretary's report of the last meeting was read and approved.

The monthly report of the treasurer was then read.

Voted: to accept this invitation of the National Conference, and that the President be sent to represent us.
Voted: that the President be authorized to arrange for speakers for this meeting.

Miss Floyd, for the Fair Committee, reported progress. It has been arranged to hold the fair the last week in October, at the Hotel Vendome. Seven tables are already taken, and the committee will be glad of suggestions.

The secretary reported a verbal invitation from the Shoals Committee to take charge of the forenoon meetings, on Wednesday, July 14.

Voted: to leave this matter in the hands of the President and Secretary to arrange.

As Rev. Elmer S. Forbes is to supply Mr. Shurtleff's pulpit while the latter is away, and Mr. Forbes very kindly supplied that of Mr. Saunderson during two of the Sundays of Mr. Saunderson's trip last winter, it was

Voted: to thank Mr. Forbes for his cooperation in supplying the pulpits of Mr. Saunderson and Mr. Shurtleff.

The president reported in detail concerning the deal with the Pruett Publishing Company at Sidney, N. Y., the publishers of the *Unitarian*.

Voted: to thank Mr. Pruett for his cooperation in regard to the "Unitarian."
Voted: to accept the final report of the "Unitarian."

The president reported that plans

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is to deal concretely with Union work. It was thought advisable to have a special circular that should set forth a clear, brief statement of our organization and work, for distribution at the annual meeting.

Voted: to authorize the printing of a brief circular for Anniversary Week.

As there was no further business,

Voted: to adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR,
Secretary.

Pilgrim Federation

The Pilgrim Federation of Unitarian Young People met in Bridgewater, Mass., on Monday evening, March 22, at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. Arthur Ryder, president of the Bridgewater Unity Club, gave the address of welcome, to which Mr. Lyon, the president of the Federation, responded.

The members all joined in the singing of hymns, responsive reading, and prayer. Setting aside all regular business, Mr. Lyon introduced Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, the president of the National Union, who spoke on various matters of interest to our Unitarian young people.

A rising vote of thanks was then given Mr. Saunderson for his most interesting talk.

The report of the secretary was read and accepted. Representatives of the different unions reported the work accomplished during the winter.

Notice of the sixth biennial fair, which is to be held in Boston, was read, and it was

A collection was taken and the closing hymn sung, after which refreshments were served by members of the Bridgewater Unity Club, and a social hour enjoyed by all.

HELEN I. KEITH,
Secretary.

North Middlesex Federation

"The Distinctive Thing in Unitarianism" was the subject of an address by Rev. F. R. Sturtevant of Dorchester at our meeting at Chelmsford on Saturday, April 17. The speaker traced the historic growth of the way of salvation from the ancient method of sacrifice to our present ideal of salvation by character. Character that shall not fail of the joy of living, or shrink from the hardships of life, — such must be built not only by doing religious deeds, but by living under right influences, seeking only the influences that tend toward the highest character-building.

Rev. William H. Parker of Reading spoke upon "Young People's Religion." If we do not wish to drive young people from the church we must appreciate their point of view and sympathize with them. We must avoid using worn-out cant phrases; we must not make religion too costly; we must be lenient when, as idealists, they are over-critical and too exacting. In using the plane to polish mahogany, the skilled workman never goes against the grain by using the methods and the instruments suitable for pine. Is your Federation recognizing this difference, and never going against the grain by failing to choose the right method?

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Contributions

The following sums have been contributed for the National Union since the last issue:

Previously reported	$336 50
Ann Arbor, Mich.	5 00
Bernardston, Mass.	5 00
Bellingham, Wash.	1 00
Cambridge, Mass.	10 00
Concord, Mass.	15 00
Channing Guild, Dorchester, Mass.	1 00
Lawrance Union, Dorchester, Mass.	20 00
Fitchburg, Mass.	2 00
Florence, Mass.	10 00
Houlton, Me.	3 00
Iowa City, Ia.	3 00
Newton Center, Mass.	10 00
Peabody, Mass.	7 50
Peterboro, N. H.	5 00
Roslindale, Mass. — Unity Club	2 50
Stow, Mass.	3 00
Toronto, Canada	6 00
Tyngsboro, Mass.	5 00
Waverly, Mass.	3 00
Westboro, Mass.	2 00
West Newton, Mass.	10 00
Total	$465 50

For Proctor Academy:

Previously reported	$52 00
West Newton, Mass.	3 75
Total	$55 75

For Field Work:

Previously reported	$50 00
Ann Arbor, Mich.	2 50
Cleveland, Ohio	3 00
Stow, Mass.	2 00
West Newton, Mass.	3 75
Total	$61 25

For Urbana, Ill.:

Previously reported	$4 00
Peabody, Mass.	2 50
West Newton, Mass.	3 75
Total	$10 25

Field Work Trip

Rev.. A. D. K. Shurtleff, one of the vice-presidents of the National Union, started on the evening of Easter Sunday, April 11, for a trip through New York State, visiting the churches and unions in needed. It was, indeed, good to grasp the hand of a fellow-laborer; and not only to myself but all our people who met and heard him, Mr. Shurtleff brought message of encouragement."

Another says: "If we make no more substantial return than thanks, we still feel that it was a help to us, and that the fine missionary spirit of the association is appreciated and justified — even here."

The young people's societies at Jamestown and Dunkirk will join as a result, with possibly another addition.

Anniversary Week Reception

Anniversary Week really begins Monday, May 24, when delegates, ministers, and friends of our Unitarian cause begin to congregate. The usual reception Monday evening, May 24, sees Anniversary Week in full swing.

This reception is for one and all. To it our young people are especially invited. Our union members are drawn upon for ushers, waitresses, etc., so of late years the growing number of young people in attendance has been commented on favorably, and it is hoped they will turn out this year in larger numbers than ever before.

Annual Meeting

Thursday of Anniversary Week is usually known as Young People's Day, and we want to make it so in reality by urging a goodly number of our young people to attend these special meetings of ours.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the annual meeting takes place in the vestry

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the National Union for the year, is entitled to three delegates, tickets for whom will be sent a little later. It is well to have these delegates chosen early and to ask that a report of the business meeting be brought back to the local union.

At half-past seven o'clock the usual open meeting will be held in the church auditorium; four short addresses will be given on subjects closely allied to union work, the speakers being Rev. Henry H. Saunderson of Cambridge, Rev. F. R. Sturtevant of Dorchester, Rev. H. C. McDougall of Franklin, N. H., and Rev. Edgar S. Wiers of Montclair, N. J. The public is cordially invited.

Boston Federation Hospitality

The Boston Federation, in coöperation with the Unitarian Hospitality Committee, is planning for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the Y. P. R. U. meetings to be held Thursday afternoon and evening, May 27, 1909, at the Second Church, Copley Square, Boston, Mass.

The officers of the Young People's Religious Union will receive at the conclusion of the afternoon session, and at 6.15 a collation will be served, to which all delegates are cordially invited.

Through the courtesy of the larger committee, delegates will be welcomed on Thursday, May 27, to the luncheon at Bullfinch Place Church, upon application that morning at the A. U. A. headquarters, 25 Beacon Street.

Delegates who may wish to remain in Boston over night will be gladly entertained by members of the Boston Federation by communicating with Miss

Life Membership

The Policy Committee last year recommended that each union make a special endeavor to add one or more Associate Life Members to the National Union in the coming year, and this recommendation was heartily endorsed by the delegates present. How many have done this?

Our Life Membership now numbers 83, but we wish it were more. Who will swell the list by enrolling himself or some one else?

We are very anxious to make our number one hundred or more by annual meeting time.

The latest addition is

No. 83. Mr. John B. Proudfoot, Newton Centre, Mass.

The Fair

Arrangements for the fair go on apace and already nine tables are taken, with several offers of assistance on special tables or wherever most needed.

A great many more helpers will be required, so we hope every one will be disposed to offer her services, without regard to whether there has been any previous experience at a fair or not. If you are able and willing to assist, kindly send the chairman word and a place will be assigned you. It will be work, of course; and hard work some of the time, to be sure, but intermingled with plenty of real fun and pleasure.

Dates to be Remembered

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Annual Meeting. The sessions of the Annual Meeting of the Association were marked by a pleasant spirit of harmony and a promise of progress. The reports for the year submitted by the executive officers of the Association and by the special departments and committees were all encouraging and convincing. The members of the Association were assured of the stability and progress of their work in a great variety of directions. The formal addresses were all of a high order of merit, and the Association may well look forward to another successful year. The reports of business and the addresses can be found in full in the *Christian Register*.

Ministerial Personals. Rev. W. S. Nichols was installed minister at North Andover on June 3. Rev. J. A. Cruzan, Field Agent on the Pacific Coast, is supplying the pulpit at Seattle in order that the minister there may have some vacation this summer and at the same time providing that the on June 1. Mr. P. D. Dansingberg of the graduating class of Harvard Divinity School has accepted a call to St. Cloud, Minn. Mr. C. E. Aimar of the graduating class of the Harvard Divinity School has accepted a call to Walpole, N. H., and Mr. Palfrey Perkins to the First Church, Brighton, Mass. Mr. O. E. Duer, who has just graduated at the Pacific School for the Ministry, has accepted a call to Everett, Wash. Rev. V. M. Cady has resigned at Alton, Ill., to accept a call to Kansas City, Mo.

Journeys. Rev. Charles W. Wendte, Secretary of the Association's Department of Foreign Relations, sailed for Europe on June 1 to be gone some two months in the interest of the International Council. He will visit England, Holland, France, Switzerland, Germany, and possibly Denmark, conferring with our European fellow-workers, arranging for the meeting of the International Council in Berlin in the summer of 1910, attending the celebration of the University of Geneva as

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making their plans to be in Europe and at the Berlin Council in the summer of 1910.

Rev. Frank W. Pratt, Field Secretary of the Association in the Canadian northwest, is making preparation for a missionary journey of some five or six weeks in the remoter parts of his great field. He will leave Winnipeg the middle of June and go to the Pacific Coast Conference in Seattle, July 8 to 11. On the way out and back he proposes to stop and hold meetings at Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmundton, Strathcona, Westminster, and Vancouver. During his absence from Winnipeg his pulpit there will be supplied by the Rev. Felix Taylor, late of Richmond, England, who will also preach at Ottawa, Canada, the first two Sundays in June.

Summer Work. In addition to the usual services held at summer resorts and country places, it is proposed to carry on, this summer, an extensive open-air campaign. The plan is to send out parties of two ministers who shall go from place to place and hold evening services in the open air. While in the nature of an experiment, it is hoped that much good will be done by this new method of proclaiming the Unitarian gospel to those who have had no other way of hearing it. In all, about six parties will be sent out, for ten days each. Most of the work will be done in northwestern New England.

Open-air services will also be held at the Meeting House in West Roxbury, Mass. — Theodore Parker's old church — every Sunday afternoon in June, at five o'clock.

Another series of Unitarian services will be held in the Old South Meeting-

cess of last year's work, it is hoped that much good will be accomplished through this series. Five meetings will be held at four o'clock in the afternoon of July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22, and September 5.

Finance. The total receipts of the Treasurer for the year amount to $260,941.07; divided among (1) gifts of churches, Sunday-schools, Alliances, and individuals for current expenses, $93,830.11; (2) gifts and bequests for increase of endowments, $76,641.51; (3) income of invested funds, $60,289.02; (4) return of loans from the Church Building Loan Fund, $20,674.56; (5) receipts from the sale of publications, $9505.87.

Church Extension. New church buildings have been dedicated during the last year at Elizabeth, N. J.; Lancaster, Pa.; Youngstown, Ohio; Jacksonville, Fla.; Urbana, Ill.; Iowa City, Ia.; Pink Hill, N. C.; and Bellingham, Wash. New church buildings are in process of construction, or will soon be begun at Andover, N. H.; Petersham and Lynn, Mass.; New London, Conn.; Allegheny, Pa.; while the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia has acquired for a parsonage the house now occupied by the minister; a parish house for the Scandinavian society at Hanska, Minn.; and a parish house at Santa Cruz, Cal. At Madison, Wis., a commodious parish house will soon be built. This greatly needed addition to this college town church is the gift of Dr. Charles H. Vilas of New York, both as a testimonial of his own devotion to our cause and also as a tribute to the home

parts of the country. This is especially true of the States of Washington and Oregon, of the Northwestern provinces in Canada, of the Southwest in Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma, of West Virginia and Pennsylvania and several places in New England. We can report accessions to our list of churches from Morgantown, W. Va.; Homestead and Black's Corner in Pennsylvania; Pink Hill, N. C.; Traverse City and Bendon, Mich.; Dalbo and Springvale, Minn. Some twenty or more towns might be definitely mentioned where other organizations have actually been under discussion.

Publication Department. The printing and distribution of tracts for the past year have amounted to 414,000 copies. Including the special editions of 50,000 copies of Mr. Casson's "The Church of the Modern Spirit," this total exceeds by 27,000 the record of the year previous, which was the highest up to that time. Twelve tracts have been added to the list during the year, one each month according to the now established rule, bringing the number up to 276. Samples of all new tracts have been mailed promptly upon issue to the tract rack or tract table attendants in all of our churches. The continuous advertising of each new tract in the *Christian Register,* with a change of copy on the last Thursday of each month, has been regularly maintained. One hundred copies of Channing's "Discourses and Essays," the exact number books, except one, submitted to a committee of the New York State Library for possible recommendation, were placed upon their approved list of the 1000 best books out of the upwards of 8000 published in the United States last year. Of the new books 5087 copies have been sold; of the older books (issued previous to May 1, 1908) 6177 have been called for; 1795 hymn and service books have been purchased by the churches, which is somewhat below the average reached for the past three or four years. The total sale, including these hymn and service books, amounts, therefore, to 13,059 volumes, as against 10,633 of the year before, that previous year establishing the highest record up to that time. This increase is about 23 per cent, approximately two-thirds of the increase belonging to the new books and one-third to the old. Editions in sheets of two of the new books have been sold for the British market. Two of the new books have likewise been imported in sheets; all the rest are of home manufacture, and all except one are by American authors,—one of the imported books being written by an American, although first published abroad.

Department of Foreign Relations. The Secretary of this Department has the advantage of being also the executive officer of the International Council of Unitarian and other Liberal Religious Thinkers and Workers, and in direct communication with the religious leaders and fellowships which are included in that organ-

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Of great assistance in this work has been the contributions which the Secretary and others have made to the various liberal religious journals of Great Britain, Germany, France, Holland, Switzerland, Scandinavia, and other countries. By a series of international notes in the *Christian Register,* and communications to other American journals, the Secretary has sought to familiarize our own constituency with foreign conditions in church and State, and create a larger interest in the world-wide spread of Unitarian and progressive religion.

In July last, in accordance with a vote of the Boston International Congress, a circular appeal was issued asking for contributions toward the erection of the Calvin-Reformation monument at Geneva, Switzerland, and the Servetus monument at Vienne, France. The 350th anniversary of the founding of the University of Geneva and its theological Seminary, which takes place this summer, has led the Association, in response to an official invitation by the University authorities, to appoint Hon. Curtis Guild, Jr., and its Foreign Secretary to represent it on that occasion.

The approaching session of the Fifth Congress of Unitarian and Other Religious Liberals at Berlin in the summer of 1910 has occupied a large part of the attention of the Secretary, who finds it necessary to make a journey to Europe in June and July of this year in order to visit various countries and arouse interest in the Congress, and confer with our Unitarian brethren in Hungary continue to be cordial and helpful. The recent visit of the President of the Association to England has been of much importance to the international cause and led to conferences and decisions which cannot fail to advance the Unitarian interests at home and abroad.

An interesting extension of the work and influence of the International Congress held in Boston two years since is the recent organization of a National Federation of Religious Liberals, which has just held its first Congress in Philadelphia.

Publicity Department. During the past year, several new plans for publicity work have been successfully carried out. The Paragraph Pulpit has been published in many papers throughout the United States and Canada. Many contracts have been made and paid for by the local churches, while many more have been placed with the financial assistance of the Department. Of special interest was the publication of the Pulpit in three Swedish papers of Chicago, the paragraphs being translated by Rev. August Dellgren, the minister of the Swedish church there. In Salida, Col., one-half the expense of a year's contract has been paid by a Unitarian layman; in Glenwood, Col., the Pulpit was published for three months at the expense of the minister of New Castle, Col. The Women's Alliances of Brockton and vicinity have

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The first number of the *Unitarian Calendar* appeared in October, 1908. This little magazine has been most cordially received, and is now mailed monthly, in lots of two hundred or more, to forty-three churches; it also has a large number of individual subscribers.

Local editions of "The Church of the Modern Spirit" have been prepared for about eighty churches, the total circulation of the booklet to the first of June being 54,000.

In addition to the work of the office, the Secretary has delivered seventy-one addresses during the past year, making extensive missionary trips to the Northwestern and Southwestern States, special series of meetings being held in Winnipeg, Man., and Oklahoma City, Okla. Mr. Casson will have charge, this year, of the summer services to be held in the Old South Meeting House.

Department of New Americans

The work among the Norwegians in Minnesota has been successfully carried forward. A new parish house is building for the use of the Society at Hanska. New churches have been organized at Dalbo and Springvale, Minn., and placed under the charge of Rev. David Holmgren, who will further extend this new circuit. Mr. Norman has also developed a number of new preaching stations and Mr. Huseby will renew his work this summer in the northwestern part of the state. The excellent monthly magazine continues to have wide circulation and influence.

The Swedish work in and about Chi- suburbs, and by the use of the new Song and Service Book prepared by Mr. Dellgren for the Swedish Unitarian congregations.

The six Icelandic societies in Manitoba and the two periodicals which carry our message to the Icelanders continue their good work, though the Society in Gimli has suffered loss by fire. The work of the parent church in Winnipeg is in a very flourishing state, and Mr. Petursson, the pastor, feels that the time has come for him to place the Winnipeg work in other hands and take upon himself the labors of a Field Missionary. Three young ministers, prepared at Meadville, will soon be available for service and will press forward the Icelandic work.

The work among the Italians in eastern Massachusetts, under the direction of Mr. Malgeri, has been extremely successful, and plans are making for the establishment of a headquarters for this work in Boston. The work conducted among the colored people of Greater Boston by Rev. Powhatan Bagnall has also developed a very interesting field of service.

Department of Comity and Fellowship.

To unify and concentrate the forces which make for religious sincerity, freedom, and progress in the United States, and bring them from time to time into council and coöperation, the Committee on Comity and Fellowship has devoted its efforts to the organization of an American federation of religious liberals, the national counterpart of the already existing International Council. A meeting was held in Philadelphia on the third of

ing House on Race Street on April 27 to 30, 1909. The Congress was a remarkable gathering from every point of view. The attendance at the sessions ranged from 500 to 1500. Besides the pronouncedly liberal denominations, such as the Universalists, Unitarians, Liberal Friends, Reformed Jews, and German Evangelical Churches, and such associations as the Free Religious Association of America, the Congress of Religion, the Ethical Culture Association, there participated in it also, unofficially, Baptists, Congregationalists, Christians, Disciples, Episcopalians, Lutherans, and Roman Catholics. At the closing symposium on "The Fellowship of the Spirit" the speakers belonged to fourteen different religious fellowships. The papers and proceedings are to appear in a volume to be published in the autumn.

The Association has continued to cooperate cordially with the work of the State Federations of Churches in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The President of the Association is an officer of the Massachusetts Federation, and has been active in forwarding its cooperative endeavors. A significant event of the year in this department has been the action of the New Jersey Association of Congregational Churches in admitting the Unitarian Church in Hackensack, N. J., to full membership, the church retaining all its old associations and allegiances. It may prove that this is the first step in the re-establishment of intimate relations between the two branches of the Congregational church.

Department The work of the ten college town churches has

Unitarian Society of Morgantown, W. Va., the seat of the University of West Virginia.

Under appointment from the Committee on Education the following have served as lecturers on the Billings Foundation: Rev. Bradford Leavitt in the Rocky Mountain Department, Rev. M. O. Simons in the Pacific Department, Rev. Thomas Clayton in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, Rev. H. H. Saunderson in the middle west and Canada, Rev. Thomas Van Ness in the Connecticut Valley. Secretary Casson of the Publicity Department made two long journeys, one in the northwestern and one in the southwestern states. The President and the Secretary of the Association have made their customary visits to the churches, covering the country from Maine to Texas.

The income of the Frothingham Fund No. 2 has continued to aid the work of Tuskegee Institute, the Calhoun Colored School and Danville Institute. Steps have been taken to incorporate the Danville Institute and to raise a sum for the purchase of property.

New buildings have added to the completeness of the plant, both at the Hackley School, Tarrytown, N. Y., and at Proctor Academy, Andover, N. H. The latter Academy still needs an endowment and subscriptions toward the erection of a new boys' dormitory to replace the dormitory destroyed by fire last winter. The Tuckerman School for Parish Assistants has closed a successful year and graduated its first class.

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lines of work have been successfully carried forward since that time.

1. A Preliminary Inquiry. It was deemed important to learn what our Unitarian churches are now doing for social welfare, and accordingly a letter was addressed to all the settled ministers, asking for definite information. The results of the investigation have been embodied in a report published May 1, 1909. (See paragraph 5 below.)

2. Bureau of Information. The first function of the Department has been to serve as a bureau of information and reference on social subjects. The Secretary has endeavored to answer the inquiries of interested ministers, churches, and clubs, recommend lines of study or of work, suggest speakers, and put our churches into connection with the great philanthropic and reform movements of our time.

3. Addresses and Public Meetings. The Secretary has given seventy-five addresses, lectures, and sermons before Churches, Alliances, Men's Clubs, Young People's Religious Unions, and other associations. Besides explaining the purpose and aims of the Department, he has spoken on Village Improvement, Savings Bank Life Insurance, Associated Charities, The Institutional Church, and other similar topics.

4. Social Service Library. The Department has secured and opened a small but carefully selected library of books upon social subjects. It is for the use of ministers, members of Alliances, Post Office Mission correspondents, and others who may be interested. A catalogue has been published, which will be mailed upon request.

having social value; second, to give wider circulation to articles of real worth bearing on different phases of the social question. The first number appeared May 1, 1909, and is the report already mentioned, on "The Social Welfare Work of Unitarian Churches."

6. Affiliation with Philanthropic Movements. Through this Department the American Unitarian Association has become a member of the American Prison Association, the Massachusetts Civic League, the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, the National Health League, and the Playground Association of America. The Department has brought to the notice of our ministers in Massachusetts the plan for Savings Bank Life Insurance and Old Age Annuities, and has called to the attention of our ministers in New York the admirable Labor Colonies Bill, and the District Workhouse Bill, pending before the legislature of that state.

7. Emerson Hall Meeting. A reception was given to the Department by Prof. Francis G. Peabody in the rooms of the Social Ethics Department at Emerson Hall, Harvard University, on November 23, 1908. Several hundred people were present, and addresses were made by Prof. Peabody, President Samuel A. Eliot and the Secretary of the Department, setting forth its purposes and hopes.

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Ministerial Aid. In behalf of the Committee of the Board of Directors on the administration of the Ministerial Aid Fund, I beg to report that from the income of the Ministerial Aid Fund, the Rebecca Warren Fund, and the Judah Monis Fund, aid to the amount of $4655.76 has been given during the year to thirty-two worthy ministers and two widows of ministers.

In accordance with the agreement entered into by the Directors of the Association by which the Association acts as the Trustee of the Funds of the Unitarian Service Pension Society, the Treasurer has, under the instruction of the Directors of that Society, distributed to the qualified beneficiaries the sum of $1473.22.

Church Building Loan Fund. During the year the capital of the fund has been increased by the sum of $1002.91, so that the principal now amounts to $147,269.08. Seven societies have completed payments, and new loans to the amount of $14,000.00 have been made to six churches. These new loans have been to the Society in Reading and Holyoke, Mass., Grand Rapids, Mich., Iowa City, Ia., New Orleans, La., and an additional loan to Revere, Mass. There are now outstanding loans to sixty churches, and the total amount loaned since the addition to the fund has been $437,180.00 in 169 loans.

Library. The library has received by gift and accession fifty bound volumes and two hundred and fifty pamphlets. One thousand six hundred and fifty catalogue cards have been written and filed. The large accessions secured last year have been catalogued and shelved. A new bookcase has been added, which, for the present, cares for the new accessions.

The sets of lantern slides have been usd by eleven ministers for illustrative purposes, and have traveled as far as Kansas and Iowa.

The library is entirely dependent upon gifts. A modest endowment would enable the Association to complete and maintain a unique collection illustrating the history and development of the Unitarian movement.

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The Alliance meetings in Anniversary Week were better than ever before, with two brilliant sessions and audiences filling the church. Many were turned away from the public meeting on Monday. Miss Low presided, and on the platform were the two secretaries, Mrs. J. W. Andrews, the former president; Mrs. S. E. Hooper, and Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, of the "Old Guard."

Rev. Mr. Cummings brought the greetings of Dr. Hale, who, though in fairly good health, was not able this year to attend all the meetings, some of them incomplete without him. Mr. Cummings congratulated the Alliance on its progress and spoke of the Laymen's League organized in the morning, saying all would have to make redoubled efforts; the Alliance having been the right wing, we could now fly with two wings.

The president's address touched upon some new features of Alliance work, her gratification at the continued accession of branches and the increased co-operation between the different sections.

Two Alliance hymns were sung and then followed the three papers announced for the afternoon: "Children and Old Testament Stories," by Mrs. John A. Bellows of Boston; "Children's Literature from an Ethical Standpoint," by Mrs. Philip Comstock of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and "Characteristic Forces of the Alliance," by Mrs. John W. Day of St. Louis, Mo.

These papers were valuable and too

Mrs. J. W. Andrews was welcomed by the rising of the whole audience, and expressed her pleasure at being present. She paid a sincere and touching tribute to the late B. J. Lang who as organist of the church, had often played our hymns.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The annual meeting for business was held on the morning of Tuesday, May 25, and was again an inspiring occasion. The large audiences gave close attention to the annual reports of the secretaries and of the various committees and to the very end every member was noticeably *still*. Not a rustle of programmes or wave of fan, hardly a turn of the head could be observed. The report of the president and recording secretary appear in this issue of WORK AND WORK. All the other reports will be printed in full in the Manual.

Vice-presidents and directors were elected as follows:

FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS.

New England, Caroline S. Atherton. Middle States and Canada, M. Almy Forbes. Southern States, Hephzibah W. Churchill. Western States, Emma N. Delano. Rocky Mountains, Perlina S. Davis. Pacific Coast, Amelia R. Griffith.

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FOR DIRECTORS.

Maine, Elizabeth S. Boyd, Alberta G. Scott. New Hampshire, Mary A. Proc-

Sarah E. Hooper, Alice R. Keyes, Grace R. B. MacGowan, Sarah F. K. Nash, Abby A. Peterson, Caroline E. C. Saville, Mary L. Sheldon, Alma F. Smith, Mary P. W. Smith, Louise K. Standish, Mary B. Strong, Elizabeth S. Tyler. Rhode Island, Mary D. Phelon. Connecticut, Annie C. S. Fenner. New York, Harriet B. Boynton, Sarah A. Kenney, Ida Slade. New Jersey, Kathleen W. Harding. Pennsylvania, Anna H. Howell. Maryland and District of Columbia, Mary N. Perry. Canada, S. Margaret Loud. Ohio, Fanny Field. Michigan, Ida A. Marks. Illinois, Sarah J. Jarvis. Wisconsin, Ethel Potter. Minnesota, Alice W. Child. Iowa, Faith J. West. Missouri, Vie B. Mersereau. Kansas, Mary S. Learnard. Colorado, Martha M. Keezer. Nebraska, Adelia A. Whitney. Oregon, Avis M. Stewart. California, Elizabeth G. Baurhyte, Mary B. Presson.

The total number of ballots cast was 382. As usual, many ballots sent by mail were thrown out, as no credential came with them. The secretary regrets that all efforts to make it clear that ballots without credentials could not be counted were unavailing. In some cases this might seriously affect the result.

The following letters from the British League of Unitarian Women gave much pleasure:

"I am desired by my committee, which met on Wednesday, May 12, to send you our most cordial greetings and to say that, following on your example in the 'National Alliance of Unitarian and other Liberal Christian Women,' the British League seems to be flourishing and taking a stand amongst many of our Unitarian churches in England and Scotland. We are deeply grateful for any interest our sisters across the water may take in our efforts to become a helpful and united band of workers.

"Wishing you a continuance of success in the work you are doing for the sake of Liberal Christianity, I am,

"Yours truly,

"VIOLET PRESTON,

"Hon. Sec. to the League."

"I am very glad of the opportunity you so kindly give me of sending the cordial greetings of the Liverpool Branch of the British League of Unitarian Women to the National Alliance in America. The very fact of our having formed ourselves into a League, following — at some distance, perhaps — your splendid example, brings us much nearer to you in feeling and in aims. Our efforts seem as yet young and insignificant compared with yours, but we hope to expand and ripen as the time goes on. I wish you could send us some of your enthusiasm and vigor. . . . I wish we could all arrive in your midst, on a magic carpet out of the Arabian Nights. We should learn a few things! Failing that, many of us will be present with you in spirit, and all send our hearty and fraternal greetings."

(Signed) FLORENCE ROBERTS.

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to Julia Ward Howe, one of the oldest and warmest friends of the Alliance. The message was sent on May 27, being Mrs. Howe's ninetieth birthday.

The report of the Committee on Appeals caused enthusiastic applause. Every appeal but one sent out this year had been quickly and generously filled. New Orleans, coming late, still needed one hundred and fifty dollars. This was immediately completed by pledges from the floor, and the year ends with a closed account.

One note of sadness reached the meeting in the announcement of the death of Mrs. Edith King Davis of San Francisco, formerly vice-president of the Alliance. Her death will touch every branch of Unitarian work, from the theological school to the Cheerful Letter Exchange, and her loss will be deeply deplored.

Address of the President.

Members and friends:

It is a pleasure and a privilege to welcome so large a number who show by their presence here their interest in what we familiarly call "The Alliance."

These meetings in anniversary week are occasions when, after the rush of a busy winter, we pause.

At this meeting we receive from the speakers refreshment in thought and purpose. To-morrow we will survey, through the annual reports, the results of our fellowship and co-operation during the been accomplished and to give thanks that she has been so blessed as to have had a part in the work.

A new line of Alliance activity in the past year has been an effort to reach the girls of liberal faith who are in college. The committee, composed of college graduates, has accomplished much in having communicated with every branch which has a college in its city or town, and asking what that branch has done to attract or to seek out the girls whose religious tendencies would make them in sympathy with a liberal Church. This effort has been received with interest by branches which are anxious to help and by ministers who seek assistance in this direction. While the work is too new to show definite results, it is a step in the right direction and through the hearty co-operation of the branches with the college girl committee much may be done to keep our young girls in college true to their faith. Looking forward to the work of the coming year, many opportunities appear, and many problems as well. It has been shown by experience that the power of the personal word spoken face to face, is far greater than the written or printed message, in holding the widely scattered branches of this great organization true to the feeling of fellowship and to the spirit of co-operation, which are essential to its success.

One of the problems is to make the funds at the disposal of the executive board for traveling expenses do the most efficient work. During the past winter the president visited the branches in Canada and was most cordially received

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Conference in St. Paul. This is but a very small proportion of what needs to be done. Certain sections have not met a national officer other than those of their own section for six years. Can we wonder that their interest and loyalty flags ?

An opportunity for strengthening the fellowship is before us this year, in the meeting of the National Conference in Chicago next September. The Alliance will hold a meeting on Thursday afternoon of conference week. Our opportunity is to make that meeting truly national in its representation. To this end therefore, every branch should send at least one representative, that the Alliance women of the Pacific coast and those of the Atlantic coast may meet with the women of the great inland section and feel the inspiration which comes from large numbers moved with enthusiasm for a common cause.

What organization whose work is worth while, is without its problems and its opportuninties? It may be that in the Alliance the opportunities come to the branches and the problems to the Executive Board. However that may be, it is only necessary to bring into the work a spirit of helpfulness and interest so broad and strong that every woman will feel the impetus of this fellowship, which when it finds expression in co-operation, will insure continued success in our endeavors in the service of God and man.

Facing the work of another year strong in this spirit, we may rejoice in annually demanded by the by-laws. In one sense the year has indeed been a quiet one, with no unusual event to record. There has been no International Council to enliven us, and no National Conference to give us fresh impetus. Nevertheless this has been a far from inactive year, and every one who was willing for service found plenty of work to her hand. The audience yesterday and today shows how interest in this great body is growing.

The various new departments established by the A. U. A. touch the Alliance on every side and have opened avenues of fresh interest for every branch. Experience shows us that all earnest recommendations of the Association surely stimulate the Alliance to greater effort. Thus the Publicity Department with its Paragraph Pulpit furnishes another implement for the Post Office Mission; the Department for Social and Public Service supplies a reason for the Alliance member who believes in showing faith by charitable work, and the Tuckerman School gives increasing opportunity for co-operation in Sunday-school and Parish work. There is widest scope for the best endeavors of every one.

In the Alliance itself the active progress of improvement is most distinctly visible in every department, as the report of each committee will prove.

It is not to be expected that there will be henceforth a rapid increase in the number of branches, but eleven have been added this year. Of the 478 societies belonging to the American Uni-

than the one hundred which entitles them to a director. Measured by the opportunities before us, our present attainment has not reached the highest point.

The Executive Board has held its regular monthly meetings without interruption, with an average attendance of twenty. Members have been present from eleven states and Canada.

One change only has been made in the board, by the death of Miss Helen F. Spalding of Portland, Oregon. Miss Spalding was a gifted woman, prominent in educational and philanthropic activities in her own city and devoted to the Unitarian Church. She had always been an earnest Alliance worker and the board rightfully anticipated much pleasure from her election as vice-president for the Pacific coast. Her death was a serious loss to that section and to the Alliance at large.

In pursuance of the plan now well established one regular meeting of the board was held outside of Boston, this year on January 8 in Philadelphia. This, like all meetings of the board, has been reported in WORD AND WORK, and it is sufficient here to record it as a successful effort to prevent the Alliance from appearing to localize its work and to make it really national.

As far as possible, the officers of the board are sent in various directions to represent the Alliance at Conferences and to visit branches to give encouragement and help, to explain methods, and in every way to bring all sections into harmonious working towards the fellowship of which we boast. The correspondmont branches on her return, and has also presided over a special meeting called in Chicago, that members in that section might confer together.

More than ever before the vice-presidents and directors have taken advantage of the rule which requires them to visit branches whenever practicable.

Isolation and lack of co-operation retard the growth, if they do not altogether crush out the life of church or Alliance. Hence the board realizes the great value of the Associate Alliances, of which there are now twelve, which bring together periodically all branches within reasonable distance of each other. Of these, the New England Associate Alliance is naturally the largest. At the mid-winter meeting 457 delegates from 95 branches were present. The New York League, more closely organized and with a membership fee of its own, is doing admirable work along many lines and making itself felt as a power in the city.

The regular issue of WORD AND WORK continues to be another unifying medium for conveying intelligence to the branches, and no member need be ignorant of what is done in any department of the Unitarian body. We wish every woman in the Alliance would read it.

Early in the year the Alliance received the gift of $100 from Willimantic, Conn., where the church for several reasons was closed and the Alliance disbanded. Already one Life Membership had been created by the branch, and the Executive Board voted to use the gift to confer the Life Membership certificate upon four other women who had

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Fund, and the names added to the In Memoriam list to be forever held in most grateful remembrance.

The Executive Board has received and authorized for printing a new leaflet on "Unitarian Beliefs." It takes the place of an older one on the same subject, now out of print, and will unquestionably meet with approval. Branches have now a variety of topics presented for reading and discussion as new editions of other leaflets have been issued.

A fresh revision of the catalogue of the Lending Library has been made, including all new additions, making it more than ever helpful and proving its continued usefulness in the daily applications received for the books.

In this and every other way the board aims to assist the branches in carrying out the purposes of the Alliance as set forth in the by-laws.

From the Library we are led to speak a word of the Post Office Mission, which takes the lead as one of the standing committees. Its chairman will tell the story of much achieved and much broadening of the work during the past year. Interest in the Post Office Mission never flags whenever successfully undertaken, and the only wonder is that with so much accomplished there are still so many untouched places to be reached and so many minds still to be enlightened. The board has authorized a new edition of Miss Ellis's Mission for this committee.

Most of you will be equally interested in the report of the Cheerful Let- 28, a seventh was dedicated at Pink Hill, N. C. The seven chapels and twenty-two preaching stations are ministered to by four men, three of whom have been for several years in the service of the Alliance. The work they have done is not to be measured by the visible result of established churches, although these amply repay the efforts in time and money they have cost. They are more than churches, they are centers of religious influence, of education and civilization, and have already produced a very appreciable effect upon the communities where they are placed. Sunday services, a school, elevating social opportunities, how much they mean in places which have never been blessed with either! An Alliance branch, at one of these chapels, the only one in North Carolina, sends its annual tribute and report, and does its part to swell the total good, counting one to complete the roll. All this is made possible by the united efforts of the branches. Nothing should retard this work or prevent its legitimate expansion in promising directions.

Green Harbor, Mass., is almost as isolated. Grace Chapel and its parsonage are maintained in excellent condition, the people having worked hard to make needed repairs and keep free from debt. Your active interest and generous help must still be given that this little village with its one chapel may continue to be the upholder of our liberal faith in that section. It is the child of the Alliance.

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continued interest in the two Theological Schools at Meadville and Berkeley. Both schools appear to have facilities for giving a good ministerial education, but as yet they do not seem able to train enough capable men to keep pace with the needs.

It has long been the wish of our President that the Alliance should take an active interest in the effort to reach the children of Unitarians who are away from home in school and college, and this year a committee was appointed to look after college girls, to help them to keep in touch with minister and church of their own faith, if possible, and to preserve their loyalty to it. This efficient committee has already proved the importance of the work intrusted to it and has a list of 54 places, from many of which interesting letters have been received. It is deemed of great importance to have a Unitarian Church in every college town, but what is the advantage if it does not keep the young people within its fold? Minister, church, and Alliance branch are therefore admonished to hold the college girl as a peculiar charge, to be called upon, to be invited to join in the activities of the local church, and to share in its good times, that the Unitarian girl finding her form of belief respected may appreciate her inheritance and preserve her loyalty. In several places all this is done.

The interest taken in the Alliance by the Universalist women has been a source of pride and pleasure. Joint meetings of Universalist and Unitarian women have been well attended by both, and be a strong incentive for every Alliance member to stand fast and prove the faith that is in her.

Such in brief are the items to be mentioned in the report of your Executive Board for 1909. Every department has received most careful and impartial consideration. Our president is more than a moderator or chairman of the meetings. It is her privilege to outline the national policy and to make sure that all legislation is fair, just, and true. Every member of the board does her part in strengthening the links that bind our little companies of women together, in settling such difficulties as arise from time and distance, and smoothing away differences which tend to place local interests above the success of the whole.

It is unwise to use energy and money so much wanted for our distinctive work, in doing what is already done by others, and between competing claims it is sometimes hard to make a decision; but the Executive Board adheres to the principle that this is a religious body, organized for a specific purpose, and bound to devote its whole power to church, missionary, and denominational activities. It is always their endeavor, and is still a problem, how to secure real fellowship between the branches and close relation of their work, and at the same time to maintain freedom of action and individual growth.

The dangers which we used to fear have been outlived. Zeal and enthusiasm have not declined, but have settled into steady purpose. By organization our interests have not been narrowed; no one object has been pursued to the

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officers have managed the big dynamo and the branches have supplied the fuel. Before we are quite ready for the aeroplane, according to Mr. Cummings, with two wings, a few suggestions may be in order.

Let us avoid the tendency to make of the Alliance another Woman's Club; to secure for each meeting a speaker with address or paper and require nothing from the Alliance member but the ability to listen decorously and patiently. Sometimes a branch reports "our discussions are free and animated," but more often the necessary business is postponed or slurred over for a speaker. Our friends and our ministers have been most generous, giving without price of their best thoughts and valuable time; but the Alliance should not be dependent upon them. Let us have free and animated discussion, and let us discuss the things for which we stand. Not art, nor literature, nor the drama, nor travel, nor economics, nor municipal reform, *except* so far as these subjects relate to the main object of the Alliance. Let us keep our one precious afternoon a month, sacred to the purposes for which we are organized.

The same suggestion may be made regarding Alliance money. Great improvement has been shown the last year, still it would be hard to find another organization where the money given for a well-defined object is so widely scattered and so diverted from its supposed purpose, yet there is no society where loss in all parts of the country, will be keenly felt by the Alliance. To our organization he was a staunch, true friend, believing in its aims and the value of its work.

In the early days when a National Alliance was thought by many to be a doubtful scheme, and its motives and plans were seriously criticised, Dr. Barrows as editor of *The Christian Register,* first, last, and always was its loyal sympathizer and supporter. From time to time in its columns he wrote encouraging words, such as, "We believe our Unitarian women have sufficient organizing capacity to develop an association which would run as smoothly and efficiently as those of our Evangelical neighbors, and we are glad to be able to quiet the fears of those who may not fully understand the purpose of the organization." And again, "The cause itself is greater than any organization that bears the Unitarian name. It is to avoid scattering and dividing the working forces that a national organization is proposed. The women engaged in it deserve the warmest confidence of the Unitarian body."

Until his death he was always ready to give time and thought and helpful words to the Alliance and its records will bear our grateful appreciation and our tenderest memories.

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Annual Meeting of the National Union

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union was held at the Second Church, Boston, on Thursday, May 27, the business meeting from 2 till 5 P.M., and the public meeting at 7.30. The following officers and directors were elected:

President, Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, Cambridge, Mass. Vice-presidents, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, New York, N. Y.; Rev. Henry W. Foote, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, East Boston, Mass.; Rev. F. F. Sturtevant, Dorchester, Mass.; Rev. John H. Lathrop, Berkeley, Cal.; Miss Isabelle F. Walter, Charleston, S. C. Secretary, Miss Grace R. Torr, Peabody, Mass.; address, Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. Treasurer, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, West Somerville, Mass. Directors, Rev. Charles J. Staples, Burlington, Vt.; Rev. Edwin M. Slocombe, Augusta, Me.; Miss Ethel Everett, Franklin, N. H.; Mrs. Mary G. White, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mr. Dakers Cameron, Montreal, Can.; Mrs. Oscar B. Hawes, Germantown, Pa.; Mr. Joseph A. Harwood, Littleton, Mass.; Mr. Sanford Bates, Dorchester, Mass.; Miss Caroline S. Burrage, West Newton, Mass.; Miss Eula Faxon, Brockton, Mass.; Mr. H. the unions. The report of the Union-at-Large follows this report. The report of the Policy Committee was discussed thoroughly and adopted by a unanimous rising vote. (1) The Unions are asked to contribute for our missionary enterprise, the church in Urbana, Illinois. (2) The National Union will coöperate with the American Unitarian Association in greatly extending the field-work among the young people.

The meeting voted that the thanks of the Young People's Religious Union be extended to the President and the other officers and directors for their devotion, zeal, and efficiency in carrying forward the work. The greetings of the Young People's Religious Union were sent to the Universalist Young People's Union, and the English Young People's Union. Rev. Felix Taylor of London, England, spoke on behalf of the latter. Thanks were voted to the trustees of the Second Church, Boston, for the use of the church.

The Boston Federation gave a reception to the National officers at 5.30. This was followed by supper for all the delegates.

The evening meeting, despite the rain, was well attended, Rev. Henry H. Saunderson presiding and Mr. J. Russell Abbott conducting the congregational singing, which was spirited. The

Youth" as his topic. Rev. H. C. McDougall, the secretary of the New Hampshire Unitarian Association, discussed "A New Tool for the Doing of Our Work," and the president, Rev. H. H. Saunderson, spoke on "The Aims and Ideals of the Young People's Religious Union." All four addresses were short and to the point; and the evening meeting was pronounced one of the most successful in our history.

One notable event was the expression of congratulation and affection sent to our good friend, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe. The day of the meeting was her ninetieth birthday. It was fitting that our Unitarian young people should honor one who has ever been an advocate of youth and youthful aspirations.

The A. U. A. and the Y. P. R. U.

The plan of coöperation, between these two organizations, for the extending of work among Unitarian young people, has developed gradually. It was put in definite form by our Policy Committee and was unanimously adopted by the annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union. Meantime Mr. Percy Atherton, ex-president of the Young People's Religious Union, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Unitarian Association. On the day following the annual meeting of the Young People's Religious Union the Board of Directors of the American Unitarian Association approved the plans of

Report of the Union-at-Large

(For the year 1908-1909)

This summer the Union-at-Large completes the third year of its existence. It has a total of 117 members, of whom 31 are men and 86 women. This is an increase of 20 over the membership of last year. As is generally known, the Union-at-Large was started in the autumn of 1906, to hold together the young Unitarians who were away from home for purposes of study or business, — many of them in places remote from any center of liberal thought and teaching — and to help them to keep in touch with the Unitarian movement. Names and addresses of young people who had left their home churches were obtained from the ministers and the Young People's Religious Union secretaries. To these were sent printed letters with membership blanks enclosed, stating the aims of the Union-at-Large, and asking the coöperation of the recipients. When the membership blanks were returned, signed, they were entered in the list of members, to each of whom was sent every month a copy of WORD AND WORK and a sermon by one of the leading Unitarian preachers. This in general has been the yearly program of the Union-at-Large up to the present date.

Now it seems that the organization has reached a point where more systematic and detailed management is necessary. About half the members are college or academy students. The others are variously teachers, nurses, engineers, etc.; and a few are enrolled from towns

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mons have been sent out. It is not easy for the secretary — with a small committee — to specialize in the reading of these, nor yet to write as many personal letters to the members as seems desirable. It is therefore proposed to create a much larger committee next year, and to arrange certain series of sermons which may be sent, in regular order, to the members who seem to need those special ones. Thus we hope to make more effective during the coming year the work of the Union-at-Large.

The expenses of the Union-at-Large this year, for stamps and envelopes, will be about twenty dollars. Fifteen of this has been taken from a special fund of $25.00, which was generously donated last fall to the Young People's Religious Union for the uses of the Union-at-Large. The remainder, — about one-fourth of the whole — has come in membership fees. The cost of the WORD AND WORK, — a separate item, — is borne by the Young People's Religious Union. It amounts to three or four dollars a month. The sermons are free from the American Unitarian Association. Thus it will be seen that the Union-at-Large by no means pays for itself. Even the nominal fee of ten cents is not a yearly one. It is simply a fee of entrance, and is not compulsory. This is quite as it should be. The amount that a member is able to pay must not affect his right to membership. Some send nothing; some send a good deal. But the interest and enthusiasm of the members is what we want. To insure that continued interest, it is planned to send in the fall a new membership Large does not overlap that of the Post Office Mission or Cheerful Letter Society. Although it may appear to do so in some of its methods, its aims are quite distinct from those of either of these organizations. The Union-at-Large exists primarily for young people — already Unitarians — who are, perhaps only temporarily, surrounded by influences indifferent or even hostile to Unitarianism. Many of these young people never realized until they went out into the world how necessary to them was the atmosphere of liberalism which they had always breathed unthinkingly. Many of them find themselves without that thorough understanding of the meaning of Unitarianism which would enable them to answer the questions and charges brought to them by their friends of other churches. This has been especially felt during the late presidential campaign. The Union-at-Large tries to fill both these needs, and as far as it has gone, it has been successful.

MARGUERITE FELLOWS,
Chairman of the Union-at-Large.

South Worcester Federation

The spring meeting of the South Worcester Federation was held at Millbury, on Sunday, April 25, beginning at 4.30 o'clock, Mr. Harry Newman of Hopedale, the vice-president, presiding. Miss Bertha Washburn welcomed the federation, and the secretary's report of the January meeting was read and accepted. The roll call showed the fol-

An invitation was extended and accepted to meet with the Guild of à Kempis of Hopedale in October.

Miss Flora Messinger of Hopedale read a well-prepared paper on "Adin Ballou," the Universalist leader. During intermission lunch was served.

At the 6.30 session a quartet rendered fine selections. Rev. Samuel C. Beane, Jr., of Worcester was the speaker of the evening, his subject being "Theodore Parker." The personal acquaintance of Rev. Mr. Beane with relatives of Parker made the subject deeply interesting.

The meeting adjourned at 7.30.

MAY A. LELAND,
Secretary.

North Worcester Federation

The tenth annual meeting of the North Worcester Federation was held in Fitchburg, on Sunday, May 2. Interesting addresses were given by Rev. Samuel C. Beane, Jr., of Worcester, and Mr. Percy A. Atherton of Boston, each speaking on the general subject of the meeting, "The Next Step in Our Work." These addresses were followed by a vigorous discussion. At the business meeting, the topic of the National Fair was discussed. A resolution in favor of the appointment of a permanent Field Secretary was adopted. The following officers were elected to serve the federation for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. Abbot Peterson, Lancaster; vice-president, Mr. Orra L. Stone, Clinton; secretary, Miss Helen W. Greenwood, Leominster; treasurer,

At seven o'clock, a service was held in the church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Leavens, and Rev. Abbot Peterson. Excellent music was furnished by the church choir, and a strong, helpful sermon on "God's Dependence on Man," was preached by Rev. Pemberton H. Cressey of Groton. Both sessions of the federation were greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN W. GREENWOOD,
Secretary.

The Sixth Biennial Bazaar

Work for the fair next October still goes on. It has been arranged to hold the fair but two days this year, on Thursday and Friday, October 28 and 29; and it is hoped that as much interest and enthusiasm will be put into these two days as if the fair were to last longer.

Those who have not seen a fair circular can receive one on application. One correction will be necessary, as the chairman of the Hospitality Committee for the Boston Federation is not Mr. O. A. McMurdie, but Miss Emily Hargrave, 8 Addison Street, Chelsea, Mass., who will be glad even now to receive the names of those who will entertain distant delegates to the fair, and also the names of helpers wishing such over-night entertainment.

Miss Floyd, the Fair Chairman, or some member of the committee, will be

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Albert J. Wilson, formerly the minister of the Congregational Church in Walpole, N. H., has accepted a call to the Unitarian Church in Newburgh, N. Y. Rev. Ira P. Kellogg, who graduated last June at the Harvard Divinity School, has accepted a call to Florence, Mass. Rev. George A. Hathaway, formerly of Scituate, Mass., has accepted a call to San Diego, Cal. Rev. George H. Rice has resigned at Pomona, Cal., to accept a call to Redlands, Cal. Rev. Clarence Reed has resigned at Alameda, Cal., to accept a call to Palo Alto, Cal. Rev. Dudley R. Child, formerly of Charlestown, N. H., has accepted a call to Pepperell, Mass. Rev. Thomas Clayton has resigned at Alleghany, Pa., and will devote himself entirely to the work of a new society, which he has started at Wheeling, W. Va. Rev. Alfred Free, late of Florence, Mass., has taken charge of the new society at Morgantown, W. Va.

Annual Report and Year Book

The Annual Report makes its appearance promptly on September the first. It appears in an attractive blue cover and contains many distinguishing feature this year consists in the brief Department Reports in addition to those of the President and Secretary. There are eight plates of church buildings, as follows: Church of Our Father, Lancaster, Pa.; exterior and interior of the church in Bellingham, Wash.; exterior and interior of the church at Jacksonville, Fla.; exteriors of the churches at Youngstown, Ohio, and Elizabeth, N. J., and a cut of the Headmaster's House, Hackley School. In all the reports one is impressed by the spirit of exultant anticipation of future growth, as well as by the actual results accomplished. The Treasurer's Report should receive the careful attention of every one who is interested in our organic welfare.

The Year Book is also ready for distribution and contains the usual amount of valuable information about our churches, allied organizations, ministers, and life-members. As last year, there will be a separate list of churches and ministers for free distribution. Seven churches have been added to the list this year, and the names of two have been dropped. The list of ministers contains 563 names. Twenty-five new

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during the year and ten have withdrawn from the ministry. Of the twenty-five that have been added, fifteen have come from our Divinity Schools, three from the Trinitarian-Congregationalists, and one each from the Methodist Episcopal, Episcopal, Universalist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Christian, and one not recorded.

This has been a year fraught with great loses to our ministerial roll. The necrology contains the following names: Samuel June Barrows, D.D., William Augustine Cram, Miss Mary Hannah Graves, Richard Andrew Griffin, Edward Everett Hale, D.D., Albert Alphonso Hoskin, John Henry Palmer, George Stetson Shaw, Francis Tiffany, and Jabez Nelson Trask.

Associate Membership Three young men who are studying for the ministry have been employed by the Association through July and August, for the purpose of discovering isolated Unitarians in towns and villages throughout New England where there are no liberal churches. The experiences of these young men are exceedingly interesting, and they have collected upward of three hundred names. A card catalogue of these names is kept at the rooms, and to each one will be sent regularly the WORD AND WORK and each new pamphlet as it is published. From time to time circular letters will be sent to these people, and they will be kept in touch with Unitarian interests generally. They, on their part, in addition to the $1.00 membership and tions in which they may participate. This movement gives promise of evolving into a most helpful and practical department of our organized life.

Publication Department Beginning October 1st, the Publication Department will issue regularly on the first day of each month, in paper covers, one of the best of the older books on its list, — at prices which are only one-third or one-fourth of the list price in cloth. This is not a "bargain" sale of second-rate volumes, but the embodiment of the purpose of the Publication Department to put excellent books in inexpensive form within the reach of all.

The first of these paper-covered books, ready October 1st, will be "Pillars of the Temple," by Minot J. Savage. This volume deals with the cardinal points of religious belief from the author's Unitarian point of view, and goes far to clear up confused popular ideas about these truths. The pillars upon which this temple is reared are sturdy columns of rational religious conceptions which devoutly concern the development of the higher life. The price will be 25 cents net, or 33 cents by mail.

Publicity Department With hardly an exception, the churches using the *Unitarian Calendar* have subscribed for the second year. About ten others have also subscribed for the coming year.

The distribution of the "church of the Modern Spirit," in the way out-

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In addition to his regular duties, Mr. Casson is taking charge of the publicity work of the National Conference in Chicago.

New contracts for the publication of the Paragraph Pulpit are being made this month. The department is ready to give assistance to any local church desiring to engage in this missionary method of enlarging its audience and influence.

The special series of services held in the Old South Meeting House, Boston, this summer, has been very successful. Audiences of 500 to 700 have gathered on alternate Sunday afternoons and have listened with attention and interest to the expositions of the liberal faith. The speakers for the series have been Rev. H. Elmer Gilchrist of New Orleans, La., Rev. A. P. Reccord of Springfield, Mass., Rev. Thomas R. Slicer of New York, Rev. Fred V. Hawley of Chicago, and Rev. S. A. Eliot of Boston. At this year's meetings, literature was distributed at the door and many hundred tracts were taken.

Department of Social and Public Service

The Secretary of the Department will be very glad to be of service to any who are making plans for the coming season. Already inquiries have been made about the organization and management of boys' clubs, speakers for courses of Sunday-night lectures, classes for teaching English to foreigners, plans for social work in parishes, etc. As a bureau of information for the common good, which will prevent misery, is the best worth doing. The Secretary has a lecture on the Housing Problem and Town Planning, illustrated by the stereopticon, which emphasizes the necessity for this kind of work and for which he has already made a number of appointments.

North Carolina Circuit

Rev. William S. Key, the representative of the Association and the Alliance in the country districts of North Carolina, makes an interesting report of his activities. He serves a circuit of magnificent distances. The first Sunday in each month he spends at Middle Sound on the Atlantic Coast, a few miles north of Wilmington. The second Sunday he is at the home church at Shelter Neck. The third Sunday he goes to Bolton in Brunswick County and to a lumber camp nearby, where he addresses several hundred lumbermen. The fourth Sunday he goes to Pink Hill, which is in the circuit of his neighbor and fellow worker, Mr. Gillilan, and where he reports large and increasing interest. In addition he holds open-air services at various points in the district. In July Mr. Key made a tour of Mr. Gillilan's circuit, traveling by ox-cart, railroad trains, buggy, motor boat, and on foot, — some four hundred miles in ten days. One of his most successful open-air services was at Maysville. He had expected to preach in the town schoolhouse but sectarian prejudice interfered, and he was obliged to hold his service on the lawn in front

Pacific Department

The reports from the Pacific Coast show the churches to be in excellent condition, with constantly increasing missionary activities. "The First Unitarian Church of San Bernardino, California" was organized on June 27. Meetings will be held in the well-located Odd Fellows Temple under the supervision, for the present, of neighboring ministers. San Diego resumes services under the care of its newly elected minister, Rev. George A. Hathaway. At Redlands Rev. George H. Rice will continue the excellent work done by Rev. Maxwell Savage, and Rev. Clarence Reed will soon begin his new pastorate at Palo Alto. "Unity Hall," at Berkeley, is nearing completion and will greatly facilitate the enterprises of that vigorous society. The church at Pomona has purchased ground for a parish house, while the society at Eureka is looking forward to the settlement of Rev. N. A. Baker of Portland. San José resumes morning services this month and reports a substantial increase in the membership, while in Oakland the Sunday-school has grown beyond any previous record. The societies at Seattle, Portland, and Salem are enjoying a constantly increasing influence, while at Everett, under the direction of their recently settled minister, Rev. Otto E. Duerr, there is a flattering prospect of growth in numbers and resources. Mr. Weil at Bellingham, after brave and patient labors for two years, has the satisfaction of having his organization firmly established and housed in one of the most attractive church homes in the city.

Canadian Northwest

The recent Pacific Coast Conference at Seattle has already resulted in stimulating the founding of new churches. At this conference the field secretaries of the Pacific, Rocky Mountain, and Canadian Departments met and carefully reviewed the possibilities of that vast region. A long succession of towns and cities in the Canadian Provinces were visited by the Rev. Frank Wright Pratt, the Association's Field Secretary for that district. He held many meetings, and by means of carefully prepared announcements, charts, and lectures initiated what promises in a few years to be a notable campaign in the interests of our faith. From Winnipeg to Vancouver cities are springing up with wonderful rapidity. The character of the population, the climate, the industries, and the tendency to establish permanent homes all combine to make this territory especially adapted to the propagation of Unitarianism. Among the excellent results of this long and rapid journey of Mr. Pratt's was the discovery of several groups ready for the formation of Lay Centers and a number of ministers who are eager to enter our fellowship. Among the places visited by Mr. Pratt were Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, and Calgary, with audiences which often reached as high as 150 and 200. It is now arranged that for the next six months Mr. Pratt will devote his energies primarily to Calgary, while Rev. W. A. Vrooman takes charge of the work at Winnipeg.

Our Work at Chautauqua

Upon no previous year has Unitarian House been so active as during the past season. In August, almost to the closing Sunday, our meetings overflowed the building into surrounding grounds and even the street. Our preachers and speakers for the month in-

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parative Religions in the Meadville School; Dr. U. G. B. Pierce of All Souls' Church, Washington; Professor Clayton R. Bowen of New Testament Interpretation, Meadville School; Rev. Martha A. Bortle, Universalist minister, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Charles E. Snyder, our minister in Franklin, Pa.; Rev. William H. Fish of the Unitarian Church, Meadville, and the minister in charge.

Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, President of the Association, visited Chautauqua during the last of July, and spoke at our Wednesday evening meeting, after which a reception, in his honor, was given in Unitarian House. On the following day he gave a lecture on "Education for Democracy" in the great ampitheatre.

Dr. Pierce spent one week with us and preached for one hour on five successive days. His subjects were: "Religion of the Spirit in: 1. The Old Testament; 2. Teachings of Paul; 3. The New Testament; 4. The Life of Jesus, and 5. Modern Life." These repetitions of our gospel were noteworthy, for the house was crowded, and packed with people representing all Protestant sects. Men stood and listened at the open windows, women sat outside in the broiling sun, people from all sections of the West and South who had never heard the Unitarian word before were present, and this kept up till the close, the last meeting being the most crowded of all. Hundreds of tracts and sermons were taken from our tables; those of Dr. Hale, Dr. Crothers, and Dr. Pierce were in greatest demand.

The house register shows that our own Unitarian people, representing every ington, Parkersburg, W. Va., Dallas, Texas, Jacksonville, Fla., are some of the places represented. One hundred and sixty-two names appear on the register. The minister in charge of our House was invited to speak by the Assembly Administration upon three occasions. This signifies the good-will existing toward our enterprise in religion.

The experience of our Chautauqua movement seems to indicate that in connection with an important movement of the population, even in the West and South, the Unitarian interpretation of life is needed, and will be gladly welcomed. And it is certainly true that if the fellowship of Unitarian churches in America is to have any considerable part in influencing the thought and life of the western and southern portions of our land, the respect and good will of the kind of people who go to Chautauqua is absolutely necessary.

Open Air Preaching

The open-air preaching campaign conducted during the summer of 1909, under the direction of Rev. C. W. Casson, has amply fulfilled the expectations of those who inaugurated the novel experiment. The idea of sending Unitarian missioners out into the open to act as apostles of religious liberalism grew out of the increasing conviction that the Unitarian churches have a vital message for the man on the street that is not being delivered through the regular medium or methods of church work. During this summer this conviction has been sufficiently forceful to impel eight Unitarian ministers to abandon their vacation joys and to

States. Rev. Kenneth Evans of Chicopee, Mass., and Rev. Earl C. Davis, of Pittsfield, Mass., made an extended trip through the northwestern part of Massachusetts. They held, in all, nine services, one or more meetings being held in Pittsfield, Great Barrington, Huntington, Chester, Becket, Hinsdale, and Housatonic. Their efforts met with marked success, — good audiences greeting them at almost all points and excellent interest being discovered or aroused.

Rev. H. G. Ives of Andover, N. H., and Rev. W. A. Wood of Wilton, N. H., undertook a similar trip through their own state. The towns visited were Antrim, Hillsboro, Bristol, Lakeport, Woodsville, and Plymouth. In addition to the regular week-night street meetings, Mr. Wood spoke at the Weirs and Mr. Ives at the Bristol baseball park, at a union service. Here, also, were found many who heard for the first time a declaration of Unitarian principles.

A third party was composed of Rev. Elvin J. Prescott, of Rockland, Mass., and Rev. George F. Pratt, of Dorchester, Mass., who had Maine as their special field. They visited Freeport, Brunswick, Boothbay Harbor, Wiscasset, Gardiner, and Richmond. Excellent meetings were reported, — the audiences gathering to hear the speakers running as high as 300 in number.

The state of Vermont was visited by Rev. H. Elmer Gilchrist of New Orleans, La., and Rev. E. G. Brown, formerly of Presque Isle. Conditions in Vermont were found to be somewhat

This open-air campaign has revealed in a wonderful way the wider possibilities presented to every Unitarian minister. It has been shown that the average man upon the street responds readily to the frank declaration of the liberal gospel. The audiences have usually been composed almost entirely of men who have stood, in almost every case, to the end of the address. Much interest was discovered and increased, and frequently the speakers received enthusiastic endorsements of both their message and their method of speaking it.

The distribution of literature from house to house was also one feature which alone was worth the expenditure of effort and money. In many cases, every house in a town visited received a tract, with a notice of the meeting to be held. There were instances where the reading of these tracts resulted in immediate coöperation with the missioners.

All eight men taking part advise the continuance and extension of this work next summer. They recommend the adoption of an automobile van, which would be more economical and at the same time more effective. It would transport the speakers and literature at less expense and would serve as a concrete basis of advertisement and local interest. It is the desire of the Publicity Department of the Association to raise a special fund, during this winter, for the carrying out of this plan. Further particulars will be given in a later WORD AND WORK.

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in the interest of the Fifth Congress of the International Council of Unitarian and Other Liberal Religious Thinkers and Workers, which is to be held at Berlin, Germany, in the summer of 1910. Preparations for this congress have been going on for a year past on an extensive scale, and the presence of its general secretary was urgently required at a conference of the local committee held in Berlin on the 20th of July last, to decide finally on the program and arrange many details of the forthcoming international meetings.

The secretary on his recent trip paid brief preliminary visits to seven European countries and some twenty cities and university towns, meeting individually or collectively the friends and promoters of our liberal cause, addressing various bodies in its behalf, and securing pledges of coöperation.

The writer sailed from Boston on the first day of June for Liverpool. The ocean journey was made the more enjoyable by the genial presence as a fellow-passenger of Hon. Curtis Guild, Jr., ex-governor of Massachusetts, who was to be a delegate of the American Unitarian Association to the three hundred fiftieth anniversary of the National Church and University of Geneva, Switzerland.

At a meeting called at the Unitarian Headquarters in Essex Hall, in London, the secretary addressed some forty local ministers and a few of the laity on the Berlin Congress, and met with a warm response to his appeal. He also attended a meeting of the executive committee of the League for Social Progress, organized by Rev. R. J. Campbell in a graceful little speech expressed the good will of those present, extended his hand as a token of amity, and informally invited the congress to hold its next meeting at the City Temple, London.

In Paris, Amsterdam, Leiden, Dortmund, Cologne, Frankfort, Basel, Zurich, Bremen, Jena, Marburg, and Kopenhagen conferences were held with the local representatives of Liberal Christianity concerning the congress. At Geneva the secretary attended the University and National Church anniversaries, meeting many distinguished teachers and leaders of opinion. On July 20 the Berlin Committee met and the program of the congress was arranged. It will take place August 4 to 10, 1910, at Berlin, with preliminary meetings at Liverpool, London, and Cologne, and an excursion following it to Wittenburg, Weimar, and Eisenach. The closing session being held August 12, at the Wartburg, in the latter city.

The program is very brilliant with great names and great topics. The title chosen was *World Congress for Free Christianity and Religious Progress.* Arrangements are in process by which an excursion rate of about $300 (to include ocean fares, railroad travel, and hotel bills) will enable American delegates to attend this congress and visit, in addition, England, Belgium, Germany, the Rhine, Switzerland, and France, the itinerary occupying two months, July and August. A circular will be issued from 25 Beacon Street at an early day, setting forth the features of this travel-scheme. Mr. Wendte re-

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The Alliance once again sends its message of greeting after the long vacation through WORD AND WORK, which by this time should be considered a welcome visitor. October is the month for settling down, for shaking hands joyfully with the old friends, hailing the new ones, and beginning a fresh record of work. Reports are not yet expected, for this is the time when new opportunities are presented, new projects considered, and new plans proposed. The Alliance is now a strong body of women, and there is much work for it to do. The success of many enterprises will devolve upon it during the coming year, responsibilities already assumed are still pressing and must not be neglected, and every member must give unspairingly of her best thought and effort. Let each branch emulate the New York League, which is described as a "big storage warehouse," to give out information and inspiration on every hand.

In August the Alliance lost one of its most active officers by the death of Mrs. C. W. Clifford, recently elected, for a second term, as a Director for Massachusetts. Mrs. Clifford gave effective and most generous support to the Alliance. Its various undertakings enlisted her sympathy and untiring advocacy, and many plans had been made for the coming year.

ance is richer for the disinterested service which she rendered and will ever hold her in remembrance.

The Executive Board held its regular meeting in Boston, on September 10, with members present from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey, — nineteen in all.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was most interesting, showing the amount of work necessary to secure the material for the Manual to be issued this month. Although the blanks to be filled out were sent to each branch in April, it took one hundred and fifty letters to obtain the returns, and still at least a dozen branches failed to report. The number of branches now counted in the Manual is three hundred and sixty-seven, although ten new ones were added during the year. Number of members reported, 17,154 and total amount of money raised, $137,588.73.

Three appeals were presented by the committee. The first for $500 for the new church in Alleghany, Pa. This is practically the Second Church in Pittsburgh, and is considered an important movement and entirely worthy of help.

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Richmond, Va., once more appeals for aid. In completing the parsonage $400 will be needed. This has become

The third appeal was for $200 for the new society in Bellingham, Wash. This very promising movement has been strongly endorsed, and the Alliance branches will surely help to sustain it.

These appeals are recommended to the branches with confidence that they will meet with generous response. The regular appeals for Green Harbor and the two divinity schools are renewed for the coming year.

Work in all parts of the Southern circuit has been progressing along the usual lines throughout the summer. Mr. Gibson's health has improved so that he has been able to keep his appointments in Florida. In North Carolina, Mr. Cowan has visited his group of brush shelters regularly and reports good attendance. It is greatly to be regretted that Mr. Gillilan, who has done such good service in this circuit work, has resigned his charge. The churches under his care will miss him sadly, and the Alliance loses a worker whose influence, as minister and friend of the people, has been always strong and helpful.

The Secretary was directed to record its appreciation of the work accomplished by Mr. Gillilan, and its recognition of the fine influence exerted by him in the circuits where he had been stationed. Rev. Mr. Key will undertake to visit the places which have been under the charge of Mr. Gillilan until a successor is found.

Attendance at the services throughout the sea-coast and Mr. Key's circuit has been larger, and the people have shown much interest. Many requests are coming to him to visit other places, and the field of his labors could be limited only by time and the expense of traveling. Certainly the desire to know more of Unitarianism is widespread.

dent Eliot, has still further stimulated inquiry as well as criticism, and opens still wider the door of opportunity.

The program for the Alliance meeting at Chicago was discussed and the announcement made that all the Vice-Presidents were to be there. This will be an unprecedented event in the history of the Alliance. The October meeting of the Executive Board will be held also in Chicago.

Mrs. A. Martin Pierce of New Bedford, Mass., has become a Life Member, and the names of Mrs. Irene F. Clapp and Mrs. Martha J. Noyes have been placed In Memoriam.

The Committee on College Girls would urge that now as the college year is soon to begin the Alliance branches see to it that the names of young people from their midst who are going to some of our many colleges, be sent to the minister of the college town church, or to the Alliance president, or both. Complaint is sometimes heard that no response is made to the efforts of the workers to reach these students, and a feeling prevails in some places that the girls do not wish to be called on. Tell your young people of the existence of a Unitarian Church in the place to which they are going, tell them the minister's name, tell them there is an Alliance branch there like your own. This may serve as an introduction and may make any effort to reach them better understood. We remind our branches that in the following places we have Unitarian churches to which the attention of non-resident students may well be called:

Waterville, Me.; Burlington, Vt.; Amherst, Boston, Cambridge, Northampton, Wellesley, Worcester, Mass.; Providence, R. I.; Ithaca, New York,

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Philadelphia, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Washington, D. C.; Richmond, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; New Orleans, La.; Cincinnati, Cleveland, Marietta, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Bloomington, Champaign, Chicago, Evanston, Ill.; Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minn.; Madison, Wis.; Iowa City, Sioux City, Iowa; St. Louis, Mo.; Lawrence, Topeka, Wichita, Kan.; Colorado Springs, Denver, Fort Collins, Greeley, Col.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Seattle, Wash.; Salem, Ore.; Berkeley, Los Angeles, Oakland, Palo Alto, Cal.; Lincoln, Neb.; Montreal, Toronto, Canada.

In one or two places we have a state normal school rather than a college, but students come from distant homes and ought to be welcomed by the local church. Let us all work together to help our young people to be loyal to the truth as they see it, not to be indifferent and content to drift where the highest and deepest things of life are concerned.

The many who are interested in the chapel at Green Harbor, Mass., will be glad to hear that the summer has been a prosperous one. All during the winter the people have worked hard for the annual fair, which was successfully held early in August. The first day was pleasant, and the summer visitors were generous patrons. Over one hundred sat down to supper that night, and although the second day was stormy, the total proceeds were $274, which is more than has been realized for several years. The chapel has been painted, and about $75 has been spent on the parsonage, making it fresh and bright

This will give the women an object to work for the coming year. The president writes:

"Our Sunday-school is disbanded for the summer, but we begin again September 5. Several of us have already earned the third pin in the series of Little's Cross and Crown System. I feel sure we shall start again with an attendance of thirty at least." Every one will wish this little church, the child of the Alliance, success.

On June 2 the British League of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women held its first annual meeting, which must have been an inspiring occasion. Miss Helen Brooke Herford, as organizing secretary, reported having visited and addressed some thirty different societies in England, Scotland, and Wales. "Some of these were new societies, but many were existing groups of women, keeping their local names, aims, and activities. In some cases, some kind of special league work had been added, and there were most encouraging signs of new life and enthusiasm. Instances were given of admirable and successful work accomplished and the conviction was expressed that the League had already amply justified its establishment." Among those present was Rev. Mary A. Safford, who responded to a cordial welcome and said most appreciative words of the "American Alliance."

Since the visit of Miss Richmond, at the time of the International Congress, the Alliance has felt a real interest in the Unitarian Church in Wellington, New Zealand. The first service was

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special hymn. The society has now property of the value of over £5,000 and the church membership stands above two hundred. There is also an interesting Unitarian Church in Adelaide, Australia, which is fifty years old.

A very full and graphic account of the year's work in Boisé, Idaho, was received too late for the last WORD AND WORK. The branch consists of "twenty-three good genuine members," and much active work has been done. The report speaks of "the lasting benefits derived from the social comradeship and mingling of ideas" and the members are "all ready for another busy, happy year."

This year has been a notable one for anniversaries and beatifications, and with the Catholics and the Anglicans the Unitarians, too, can point with pride to the names they have to offer for the roll of saintship. By papal authority Joan of Arc has now been placed in a state of perpetual bliss in heaven. Had her virtues been recognized on earth by the church, which then condemned and now elevates her, how different her fate! Unitarians do not need the command of government, nor the official act of the church to confer the saint's crown. They do not require asceticism nor miracles. Their order of Christian Knighthood is the spontaneous gift of the heart. Their saints, the world knows well in the ranks of literature, science, and liberal religion. Character and Service have been the golden words on Unitarian banners. The last name to be added to the noble list is that of to wait the passing of centuries, is already accomplished in the hearts of his fellow men.

The Alliance has lost several prominent friends during the vacation period, but none more valued and respected than the late Louis Prang, whose name has been familiar the world over in connection with the art of color printing. Mr. Prang was identified by nature and inclination with the highest ideas of the liberal faith and was a well-known figure at meetings, especially in Boston. Women everywhere, however, appreciated, at the full, his beautiful and chivalrous spirit, and recognized the flowering of that type of character which Unitarians place before all doctrines and creeds. In regard to immortality, Mr. Prang once expressed himself thus:

"There is, however, a life after death, and that I will live in company with Goethe and Shakespeare and with every other human being who ever existed. It is the 'soul of man' that 'is marching on.' It is the good deed, the good thought even, of any and every man. These will live forever as long as there is a humanity to be influenced by it."

At a meeting of presidents and secretaries held in Boston, it was voted that the following simple directions for secretaries should be printed:

No assembly is organized without a president or chairman and a secretary.

A secretary should be careful, observant, and attentive to all that passes.

A secretary should be a good reader, with a clear voice, which can be heard in all parts of the place of meeting. She should also be able to express herself accurately in writing.

It is generally supposed that the whole

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The second regular meeting of the Executive Board of the National Young People's Religious Union for 1909-1910 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass, on Tuesday afternoon, September 14, 1909, at half past two o'clock.

President Saunderson presided and there were present: Misses Burrage, Cline, and Stimson, and Messrs. Lyon, McMurdie, and Sturtevant.

The secretary's records of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer gave his financial statement that was accepted. The bills for the month were approved.

VOTED: to thank the speakers at the Shoals meeting.

One new life member was reported, — the eighty-fifth; and also the joining of three unions, — Jamestown, N. Y., Troy, N. Y., and Berkeley, Cal.

The president reported on the program for the National Conference in Chicago, Ill., September 27 to 30.

Rev. Harold G. Arnold, Mrs. Arnold, and the president, Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, were chosen delegates to the National Conference.

Miss Emily Cline reported progress with regard to the fair.

GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary*.

The Shoals Meetings

former president, Rev. Harold G. Arnold of Bridgewater, Mass., whose admirable sermon on "The Great Choice" has already been printed in the *Christian Register*. The later forenoon meeting, presided over by Mr. Arnold, was addressed by Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff of East Boston on "The Future and What We Shall Do With It," and by Rev. Robert F. Leavens of Fitchburg on "The Aims and Ideals of the Young People's Religious Union." At noon a delegates' meeting was held in the stone meeting-house, when an hour was consumed in discussion and helpful intercourse. The secretary, a vice-president, three directors, and several former officers were in attendance during the week.

Union-at-Large

The chairman of the Union-at-Large Committee, Miss Marguerite Fellows, 142 Homer Street, Newton Centre, Mass., will be glad to learn of any changes in addresses of the Union-at-Large members; and also solicits new names. Any young people who are to be away from home the coming year, either in school or in business, should join the Union-at-Large, writing Miss Fellows for particulars.

Friends of such absentees would confer a favor by notifying Miss Fellows, giving the home and the present address.

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Plans are already in the mind of the committee for a more systematic method of work in the year to come; and to this end an increase in the present membership of one hundred and seventeen is desired.

The National Conference

The National Union was represented at the National Conference in Chicago, September 27 to 30, by several of our young people, the accredited delegates being the president, Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, and Rev. and Mrs. Harold G. Arnold.

The morning's program of Tuesday, September 28, accorded our organization ten minutes, during which Mr. Saunderson presented briefly our aims and aspirations; while in the afternoon an hour and a quarter was devoted to the general topic, "The New Generation of Unitarians." 1. "Our Growing Faith," by Rev. Albert R. Vail of Urbana, Ill.; 2. "Our Strengthened Organization," by Mr. Percy A. Atherton of Boston, Mass.; 3. "Our Larger Task," by Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson of Cambridge, Mass.

Sixth Biennial Bazaar

Fair time is fast approaching; and, needless to say, the committee expects to do better than ever before. Two years ago nearly two thousand dollars were realized and surely we must aim to outstrip that amount this fall. To ac-

An innovation will be tried at this fair — a Men's Table. In our other fairs no distinct effort to interest men has been made: now an opportunity will be given them to make up for lost time. For the present, contributions to this table — large and small — and the larger the better, are earnestly requested. Contributions may be sent to Mr. Percy A. Atherton, 53 State Street, Boston.

The Life Members' Table is another novel devise, calling the attention of the Life Members to the fair, and seeking to interest others to add their names to the list. Miss Edith Melvin, Concord, Mass., the chairman, already has the arrangements for this feature well in hand. The table will necessarily be miscellaneous in character, but its primary object is to secure Life Members to the National Union. It is suggested that unions desirous of helping the fair and the National Union as well, endeavor, as a part of their contribution to the fair, to send in one Life Member to Miss Melvin. Contributions of money, books, or anything saleable are solicited for this table.

While our friends have been most generous in sending donations of money, we have missed the smaller sums usually contributed by individuals and unions for the fairs in the past, but trust that they will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

No union is too weak, too small, or too far away to send some sort of contribution, either of articles or of money. There ought to be at least one individual

of ours. It therefore behooves all good Unitarians, whether deeply interested in our National Organization or not, to aid and encourage by their contributions any and every effort put forth by the young people of our denomination.

Above all, plan to attend the fair at Hotel Vendome, Boston, on Thursday, October 28, from 2 to 10 P.M., and on Friday, October 29, from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

Ample provision will be made for procuring dinners and luncheons at the fair lunch counter. Those chairmen and helpers at a distance will be accommodated over night on application. (See special notice in another column.)

Contributions may be sent from now on to Miss Floyd, or to Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

On and after Saturday, October 23, contributions of articles, preserves, and pickles, etc., may be sent to Hotel Vendome, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass., plainly marked "*For the Y.P.R.U. Bazaar,*" the *particular table* being especially designated on the outside as well.

Hospitality During the Fair

In accordance with the custom of several years past, and in order that unions from a distance may be represented by sending helpers to assist at the Biennial Fair of the Young People's Religious Union, to be held on October 28th to 29th, at the Vendome, the Boston Federation extends the hospitality of its members on Thursday and Friday nights to those helpers who cannot conveniently return home.

Will any assistants who desire to avail themselves of this hospitality

Committees for 1909-1910

The following committees for the year have been appointed. Any person, wishing information regarding any one of these, should address the chairman.

Finance Committee

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Edwin G. Brown, late of Presque Isle, Me., has accepted a call to Moline, Ill. Rev. A. J. Rich has resigned at Dighton, Mass., and will spend the winter in California. Rev. W. A. Wood has resigned at Wilton, N. H., to accept a call to West Upton, Mass. Rev. C. L. Ball has resigned at Athol, Mass., and Rev. D. R. Freeman at the Third Church, Dorchester, Mass. Rev. W. R. Clarke, formerly of Oklahoma, Ok., has accepted a call to Montpelier, Vt. Rev. W. L. Beers has resigned at Youngstown, Ohio, and has taken charge of the work at Great Falls, Mon. Rev. W. A. Vrooman has taken charge of the church at Winnipeg, Manitoba, while the Field Secretary, Rev. F. W. Pratt, goes for the winter to Calgary, Alberta. Rev. D. M. Wilson has resigned at Northfield, Mass., to accept a call to Kennebunk, Me. Rev. R. S. Barrow has resigned at Jackson, Mich., to accept a call to Windsor, Vt.

treasurer, and six other members of the board, together with three field secretaries and the secretary of the Publicity Department. The president, on the preceding Sunday, preached the sermon of dedication for the new church at Oak Park, Ill., and the Sunday after the conference preached on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the church in Bloomington, Ill. The secretary, on his way back from Chicago, visited the churches of Salem and Youngstown, Ohio, Newcastle and Meadville, Pa. Mr. Casson preached at Ottawa, both on the way out and on the way back from Chicago. The field secretary for the Middle States went to Chicago by the way of Cumberland, Md., where he held a conference with a group of interested persons and arranged for services; returning, he preached at Allegheny, conferring there with the trustees of the Northside Church. The field secretary of the Rocky Mountain Department preached on the Sunday before the conference at Colorado Springs, Col., and on the Sunday of the conference

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conference with these visitations to the churches.

Church Building There is no cessation to the activity of our churches in providing for themselves new and better equipment for the service in which they are enlisted. The society in Lynn, Mass., has just laid the corner stone of a new and beautiful church building on a centrally located lot. The new churches in Petersham, Mass., New London, Conn., Allegheny, Pa., and Bendon, Mich., are fast nearing completion, and will be ready for dedication before the new year. The corner stone has been laid for a pretty new church at Andover, N. H., and plans have been adopted for a beautiful church at Chestnut Hill, Mass. The fine parish house at Berkeley, Cal., is finished; the parish house at Hanska, Minn., is well advanced; the fine Parish House for the Third Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., is covered in and the gift of Dr. Vilas. Plans have been completed for a house at Waverly, Mass. The greater part of the needed money for the building of a new church in Duluth, Minn., has been pledged, and negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of the needed lot for the new church in Eureka, Cal.

Icelandic Work in Manitoba The work among the Icelanders in Manitoba is assuming new features which promise interesting results in the near future. The Rev. Rögnvaldur Petursson, who has been the minister of the Icelandic congregation in Winnipeg since 1903, has resigned in order to do

The Rev. Gudmundur Arnason, a graduate of Meadville and a student in Germany for one year under the Cruft Fellowship, has been recently ordained and installed over the First Icelandic Unitarian Church in Winnipeg, to carry on the work laid down by Mr. Petursson. Already a conference of Icelandic Unitarian churches has been organized, and steps taken to extend the work and assume a considerable share of the financial burden. In this great region cities are rapidly developing. From the report of one of the Meadville students who did missionary work there during the summer we read, "From my knowledge of the whole situation I am fully convinced that the winning of the Icelanders to the side of liberal religious ideals is only a question of honest, harmonious and consecrated work. The gospel of the brotherhood of man is the gospel for the Icelander."

Social and Public Service The secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service has continued his active propaganda. He is constantly speaking to our churches, clubs, and alliances, and is frequently called in counsel concerning matters of social and civic reform. His special work of public speech is endeavoring to create the right sentiment concerning the housing problem. Mr. Forbes has an illustrated lecture on this matter which is of great significance. He is also addressing alliances and other organizations in the endeavor to promote the movement for the conservation of the public health, and is helping to organize our different societies for helpful endeavor along these

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the Central Labor Union are working together to this end. Three numbers of the *Social Service Bulletin* have now been issued, and the books of the Social Service Library are in constant demand.

Publicity Department ment of Publicity reported to the October meeting of the The secretary of the Depart- Board that with the opening of the new church-year many new contracts for the publication of the *Paragraph Pulpit* were being considered and placed. Special care is now taken to appropriate money only when the work started in this way can be carried on by local workers in the field. In almost every case the *Paragraph Pulpit* is placed in towns where there is a Unitarian church, and publication is conditioned upon the financial coöperation of the church. It may be assumed that where the local body of Uunitarians is not willing to undertake this expense they are not likely to properly utilize any interest which may be aroused from the outside. Among the new places where the *Paragraph Pulpit* is to be used are: Traverse City, Mich.; Jacksonville, Fla.; and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where revival services are about to begin, and where an outspoken declaration of Unitarian principles is timely. The Woman's Alliances of the Rocky Mountain district have decided to engage in *Paragraph Pulpit* work as their especial contribution to the advancement of the cause. The second volume of the *Uni-* this year allied themselves with this movement.

Publication Department The fall catalogue of the Publication Department announces eleven new volumes. It also makes announcement of the purpose of the department to issue regularly on the first day of each month some of the best of the older publications in paper covers at the uniform price, as far as possible, of 25 cents per copy. This is not a plan to market second-hand material, but the expression of the aim of the department to make available, at a very moderate price, some of our best book material. The circular is now in preparation announcing the titles to be issued monthly during this autumn and for the year 1910.

The tract distribution has begun with unusual alacrity this year, the chief demand being, just now, for the latest tract No. 246, "The Religion of the Future," by President Eliot. The first edition of this work has been set at thirty thousand copies, with a likelihood that a second edition will immediately follow. A new edition of the tract catalogue has been issued, bringing the list up to November 1.

The department has entered upon a new plan of distribution and has asked our ministers to coöperate with the department in putting the books on sale in our churches, so that the members of our own parishes can personally examine them. Boxes of the best and most representative of our books, including fifty or sixty titles, will be sent to each

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The recent Conference so successfully held at Chicago was a wonderful opportunity for the Alliance. For now the policy of the president to make the Alliance really national was fairly well carried out, representatives being present from twenty-six states and Canada. Alliance women formed a large part of the audience at each of the meetings, which were full of interest and suggestion, and doubtless all carried away fresh zeal for future work. The history of Unitarianism will receive further study. New plans for connecting sociology and religion and methods for furthering church progress will be fruitful subjects for consideration at Alliance meetings, for the members will seek to prove that they were not listeners only, but wish to be active coöperators in effective work.

The special meeting of the Alliance on September 30 was preceded by a handsome luncheon, at which three hundred and four were present. At the same hour the Laymen's luncheon was given at the University Club, and the ministers were guests of Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones at Lincoln Centre, each group holding a public meeting afterwards.

The Alliance meeting held in the ballroom of Chicago Beach Hotel was opened by prayer by Rev. Celia P. Woolley. The Alliance hymn was sung, printed copies having been thoughtfully

I extend to all present a most hearty welcome to this, the most representative meeting the National Alliance has ever held, and I am proud and happy to have this meeting in Chicago. I am glad to welcome our national president and our two national secretaries. It is a proud day not only for our president, but for your vice-president for the Western States, when she welcomes to this meeting the other five vice-presidents. One comes from New England, one from the Middle States, one from the Southern States, one from the Rocky Mountain district, and one from the Pacific Coast. For the first time in the history of our National Alliance all our vice-presidents are present at a meeting. Another record-breaker for Chicago.

We have 46 directors this year, and of that number, it gives me pleasure to welcome 12; 5 from New England, 2 from the Middle States, 5 from the Western States. We have 367 branches of the Alliance, and of this number about 90 are represented to-day.

I also welcome to this meeting all who are not as yet Alliance women, and hope for the time to come when all liberal Christian women will become affiliated with the National Alliance. May the memory of these meetings inspire us all to greater efforts for larger achievements. May we aim to make our National Alliance stronger, better, and if possible, a more powerful factor in our church life than it now is. As we separate, may we all feel that it has been good for us to be here, and may we all carry away the desire for many more such meetings in the future.

Each vice-president made a short address, from which extracts are taken.

Mrs. Atherton said:

In speaking of New England Alliance branches, it is difficult to generalize.

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ing society of honorable past, standing for all the work of the parish, social, benevolent, civic, as well as religious, and there the branch that gives its time and money to denominational interests and leaves everything else to sister organizations in the same church. In New England are branches that work year in and year out for fairs and sales to get money for running expenses or for new furnishings, while we have branches that scorn fairs and raise large sums of money by individual subscription. Every shade of democracy exists from the branch that has no executive board but determines all matters itself to the one whose executive board settles every question without reference to the general meeting. Generally speaking, there is a marked increase of interest in the national work, in the appeals, in what others are doing. The business meeting is gaining in popularity and reports of committees and communications from officers and branches command attention. In particular must be mentioned the Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter committees that are doing increasingly good work and whose reports are received with the greatest interest. Monthly meetings of the workers contribute much to increased efficiency in these two lines of national work.

Frequent conferences and neighborhood meetings serve to promote acquaintance and foster the spirit of mutual helpfulness. Fellowship is writ large because of numbers and nearness. Directors come together to compare notes; they bring their branches together in groups, and the full force of organization is felt as never before. Interest in other churches quickens loyalty to the home church and we mark increased attention to Sunday-school and other departments. Religious Intelligence committees are multiplying, Study Class leaflets are largely used, and there is a decided growth in the way of religious programs and study classes.

Not only are our branches interested in other New England branches, trying to help and care for one another, some striking instances of which might be given, but they are equally ready to respond to the call from a distance, wherever a struggling Unitarian society is making its brave stand.

Mrs. Forbes for the Middle States said:

The reports from the branches are varying; some say "increased membership," others, "a decided loss." On the whole, however, the membership is larger than two years ago.

The branches at McKeesport and Harrisburg, Pa., have disbanded; but branches have been formed in the First Church, Philadelphia, and Vineland, New Jersey.

Of the nine New Jersey branches, seven have largely increased, while two have lost members. From Canada there is reported a loss of two in the Hamilton branch. Winnipeg, Manitoba, branch, reorganized in the early winter of 1908 with ten members and closed the season with twenty-nine.

Washington, D. C., has a larger membership than two years ago. Baltimore, Md., has held its own. New York reports no loss of branches, and a gain of about forty members.

In a few instances there is no report of Post Office Mission; but for the most part the branches are doing excellent work.

At Winnipeg this work was begun on April 25, 1909, and at the close of the year there had been sent out over one hundred pamphlets and twenty-five letters. Many other branches, not statistically reported, do a large amount of this work.

Cheerful Letter correspondence is not quite so widely carried on; but a large proportion of the branches are much interested in it.

With few exceptions, all the branches contribute to the current expenses of their respective churches. In some cases definite sums are regularly pledged; in others, regular gifts are made, without the pledge of a fixed sum; and in still others, there are gifts to meet emergencies, or special needs as they arise.

In Washington funds are being laid aside for the building of a new church, which will be an achievement gratifying to very many outside the capital city. The glory of this church is the glory of all American Unitarians, beginning with the nation's president, we may assume, but reaching out and including all our fellowship.

All these branches give generously to

ister. But most of the branches depend largely on their own members for papers or talks, which are followed by discussion. Occasionally, National Alliance officers visit the branches and give them information concerning denominational work and purposes, and put them in touch with the National organization.

Now and then ministers or specialists are invited to speak to branches on some given subject. The Germantown branch last year chose for study the notable work of philanthropy, charity, education, and reform, and invited specialists to "explain those departments of service."

Pittsburg branch must be spoken of as a model of activity, holding meetings every week.

Each branch has a particular point of interest; Schenectady, doing noble work for the local church, Troy, Jamestown, and all the rest. The older and larger branches, as well as the smaller ones, might be benefitted by appearing before the public.

The meetings of the branches usually end with a social hour, and from them the members go out into the larger life of the churches to carry the spirit of fellowship and goodwill to all whom they may meet. A fair conclusion to draw from these reports is that these branches are not cold or indifferent; in none of them need strangers feel unwelcome. Indeed, the burden of complaint seems to be with the branches against strangers, for many times proffered courtesies or kindnesses have been disregarded, to state it mildly. It is disheartening to hear of people who have always been earnest, helpful workers in a Unitarian church, but who, when they re move to some other city or town, are never heard of in the Unitarian church, or have declined, or neglected, cordial invitations to enter the church of their faith in the community to which they have gone.

I almost feel like suggesting as a topic for an afternoon's discussion, "How can we make men and women loyal to their church when they change their residence?"

Yet the good work goes on, despite all obstacles, and the Alliance branches are a valuable, vital part of church life and work, yes, indispensable to church life and

gan on the east, Wisconsin and Minnesota on the north, Missouri Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska on the west. I cannot boast of great numbers nor of any new branches this year; but there are in these ten states 65 branches and over 2200 members, and we have raised $24,800 this last year, $4000 more than the year before.

Illinois has the largest number of branches, but not the largest branches. Cleveland, Ohio, and St. Louis, Mo., have branches with more than 100 members each. Illinois and Michigan for the past two years have been very near the 500 membership mark, which, when reached, will add two new members to our national board.

In all these branches, in spite of many obstacles and discouragements, the work goes bravely on from year to year. Our ministers in the West will not dispute the fact that the Alliance is the backbone of the Church. No task is too stupendous nor too trivial for the Alliance to undertake, and whatever it undertakes it carries through to success. It contributes to all departments of the Church work according to the need; works for the support of the minister and the furnishing of the Church, and carries forward the social life by bringing the people together for work and entertainment.

The Alliance being a missionary body, the branches do much along this line through the Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter.

Post Office Mission secretaries are quite general throughout the West, all taking a great interest, and by the circulation of our literature doing much to extend our liberal faith.

There are four Associate Alliances in these Western States. The Michigan Associate Alliance is composed of twelve branches, as besides those in Michigan it also includes those in Toledo, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind., with at least two meetings a year.

The Missouri Valley Associate Alliance is composed of the branches of Lawrence and Topeka, Kan., and Kansas City, Mo., three meetings a year.

The Central Mississippi Valley Associ-

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The National Alliance in the West, as in other parts of the country, is a work made up of many parts, all necessary and important to the whole. We all believe in the Alliance and that the work makes our lives stronger and better worth the living. Each of us has our part to do, and now is the time for doing. Let us all join hands and help, for to-day we are alive together.

Mrs. Churchill gave a vivid account of conditions in her section, and said:

From the South I bring you the hearty greetings of three hundred and fifteen Alliance women, who are bravely working for our liberal faith, endeavoring to keep it alive and growing in their local community and to plant it wherever possible elsewhere. They are doing pioneer work that will blossom forth into a helpful religious life for those who come after them. What a helpful stimulus to their work such a conference as this would be if held in the Southland! I wonder if you can grasp what it would mean to them and to our cause there. You would have to realize what it means to stand for the faith you hold dear amidst a prejudice that seems insurmountable. Think for a moment of the territory I am representing to-day, from Virginia to Texas and faraway Oklahoma! This vast stretch, with but twelve Alliance branches, each so isolated, so far away from any opportunity of meeting the handclasp and encouraging exchange of ideas and ideals of its sister branches or other Unitarian workers, that it is almost wholly dependent upon itself for help and stimulus in its work.

Under such circumstances it takes courage, loyalty, perseverance, and a broad vision to feel that your place is to work, and to keep on working, that the uplift of this liberal vision, through the open door of the little liberal church may permeate the atmosphere of your locality slowly and surely, to prove a blessing to many of whom you will know nothing, through the evolution of time.

Only a deep abiding faith in God, as re-

branches are able to enter into other activities, each selecting such as seem best suited to its individual needs in the community in which it is placed.

Mrs. Churchill described very clearly and graphically the reorganization of the branch in Memphis, Tenn., where nine women are holding services every Sunday, reading a sermon, as they can have no preacher. "One member expressed the sentiment of all when she said 'she would come every Sunday, and if no one else were there, she would talk to herself.'"

The little church at Shelter Neck was mentioned as having "set the pace for other branches larger and stronger that it in sending responses to every standing appeal on the National list last year."

Each of the larger branches was spoken of as full of hopeful promise and the addition of a parish house made by the branch in New Orleans where "from struggle and almost despair the branch has worked its way to a large and useful activity, not only among southern branches, but in New Orleans as a city." "Nine of the southern branches are doing Post Office Mission and Paragraph Pulpit work, and feel that these must be depended upon to spread our faith in this section. The Post Office Mission has had more responses than ever before, causing us to feel that our missionary work is beginning to bear fruit, which is both encouraging and gratifying."

The stirring address of Mrs. J. B. Davis followed.

I bring you the greetings of the sturdy women of the mountains who, across the hills are working as earnestly, and as hopefully for our liberal faith as any in the land.

Conditions in the Rocky Mountain section are as satisfactory as they can be under the circumstances. Without any stimulus afforded by a conference or other meeting of any kind during the past year and a half, our branches have kept up wonderfully well. We have in many ways different conditions to meet than have the eastern branches; the shifting population;

ant attitude of the press, which prevents the printing of the minister's sermons.

Helena seems very quiet, and is occupied almost entirely in helping to pay the expenses of the church, their particular work being to furnish the music.

Great Falls has always had a struggle, and I have been unable to get a reply to my letters.

Ogden, Utah, one of the youngest branches, has lost a number of the best workers, but they have hopes of doing more effective work the coming year than ever before.

From Salt Lake comes the complaint that "the Unitarian people, as a Church, lack enthusiasm. There is no great thing to work for. Religion should appeal to the heart as well as the mind. Unitarianism is too intellectual, or rather exclusively intellectual." Nevertheless, they report the outlook for the coming year as brighter than ever, with their finances in a much better condition. Of course they have ever before them the problem of the Mormon Church.

In Colorado we have some discouraging reports, and some most encouraging. Fort Collins has been without a regular minister nearly a year, while it has also lost a number of the best supporting and most influential members through death and removal from the city. However, they have had occasional services, and the branch is still, as it has ever been, an inspiration for the rest of us. I have never known such devoted, efficient workers as are to be found in Fort Collins, nor braver. They are holding the organization together, and keeping up their payments to the American Unitarian Alliance.

Greeley reports that with the new minister, Mr. Kerr, "full of energy and new ideas," the outlook is very promising. The plan is to sell the old church, which is in the business center, and build a new one farther out. They report that they never would have joined the Alliance had it not been for the visit of Miss Low.

Colorado Springs and Pueblo come together naturally, being under the care of one minister, and here conditions are not salists have started a church at the latter place. I should like to see the minister make his home in Pueblo, as I believe it would strengthen the work.

This leaves only Denver to report. The branch is about as large as it has ever been, and while interest in the church does not seem to be as great as it has been, and a number of our best members have left, the interest in the Alliance branch is as great as ever. The summer meetings have been well attended, and have proved very interesting. The Alliance has redecorated and refurnished the church parlors, owes no bills, and has a goodly sum on hand. The Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter committees are doing good work, and is about the only branch in the section carrying this work on in any large degree.

Our Rocky Mountain Associate Alliance, from which so much was hoped at its formation, has not yet awakened from its sleep. It was to meet at such times as the Rocky Mountain Conference met, and as there has been no meeting of the Conference, there has been none of the Associate Alliance, but it is the hope of the director for Colorado and myself that this be changed, and that meetings will be held any time the board may consider wise.

This is a general outline of the conditions prevailing in the Rocky Mountain section. The unanimous report is a lack of church membership, and I wish that we might devise some plan whereby this might be increased. With our livable gospel we should attract more members to our churches, and especially more men than we now have, for our belief is the one held, consciously or unconsciously, by hundreds of sane, hard-headed business men in the West.

To me it appears that our gospel is too little known, and what it is supposed to be, too well known. In our mountain country, where we should have every reason to believe that prejudice has not yet lodged, we really find a very strong, and in many places a bitter prejudice against the Unitarians, and it comes from the preconceived ideas of what we believe, what

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ing ready to help these to a clearer understanding of their duties and responsibilities to themselves, their God, and fellowmen. We are not concerned in saving these souls from a hell fire of brimstone, but we should be seriously concerned in saving them from the torment of an unsatisfied religious yearning, when they find themselves without the pale of the orthodox churches.

The Post Office Mission is doing a wonderful work along these lines, but it appears to me that we have commenced before we have started. In the famous receipt for making jugged hare the directions read "first catch your hare," and so in our Post Office Mission work, it is first find your correspondent. How to do this is the problem which confronts my section, and this work does not often build up the church membership to any appreciable extent.

The Paragraph Pulpit appears to be a very effective way to "catch your hare," but with us the cost is too great, and all of our churches are struggling to pay running expenses, even Denver, the oldest and largest. If we had a larger membership we could do more, but without some sort of special effort I do not see how this is to be accomplished. The other churches have their revivals once or twice a year, to advertise and attract new people, even the Catholic Church in Denver, last spring, becoming alarmed at the loss of membership, and the indifference shown, held a series of meetings in the auditorium for two weeks, simply answering questions and explaining doctrines. Distances are so great and railroad charges so high that it is difficult to visit our churches and branches; we miss the stimulation and encouragement to be had from such intercourse, and are so laden down with the burden of finances that we have little time or energy for work along other lines.

Now what can be done to awaken into new life the energy and enthusiasm of these people?

I have thought long and earnestly over the matter, and I have wondered. The Alliance branches have gathered many thousands of dollars to assist in building churches in struggling places and with In this way I believe we could stimulate interest in our denominational work, and raise money enough to do much effective work along such missionary lines, or educational, as you prefer, and make this a permanent work of our branches, not a haphazard, spasmodic one, for each year it would grow and increase in interest as has the Southern Circuit work.

With the large membership in our branches we should also have some sort of a regular fund from which to pay the traveling expenses of some of our National officers in making regular, stated visits to all the branches. This should be easy of accomplishment, as a little from each branch, perhaps a per capita proportion, would soon grow to such size as would keep some of our officers or a special one, on the road visiting all sections, and would increase the interest and enthusiasm. We grow discouraged and morbid when left too much to ourselves, and I am sure it would prove a paying investment.

These rmearks and suggestions are the results of the experience of the past nine years in the Rocky Mountain section, and offered in the hope and desire to make our liberal faith more fully understood, and more largely helpful to the struggling men and women who are looking to that higher and better day when the Brotherhood of Man is an accomplished fact.

Miss Griffith of Los Angeles spoke of the twenty-four branches on the Pacific Coast, especially of the Society for Christian Work with two hundred and eighty members, and reported new branches formed at Woodland and at San Bernandino, and said:

The financial situation is thought to be more promising on our coast than in the East; yet our first problem has been, and is, how to raise money to advance our work.

Our women are not lacking in high ideals, in philanthropic motives, and zeal

in any kind of work, and, at present, these methods prevail.

You of the closely-settled East can hardly realize to what extent we are handicapped by distances. Los Angeles delegates to the Seattle Conference had to travel over a thousand miles each way, while those from San Diego had a hundred and twenty-five miles more to add to the distance.

If we are far from our neighbors, what do you think our feelings must be concerning the officers of the National Alliance? To most of us they are but *names*. Six years ago, our president, Miss Low, came to visit us, and became a life-giving personality. But now we have many members who have never seen Miss Low, nor indeed any of the other officers of the East. If, each year, a representative of the National body could make a tour of the Pacific Coast branches, what a change it would work in creating a feeling of *oneness* among us! If, under present conditions, you find a degree of loyalty in our branches, how much more you would find if we could come to know, personally, our National officers! Let me urge this upon your attention as a measure of vital importance.

A communication from the chairman of the National Post Office Mission was read by Mrs. St. John and received close attention. Most hearty votes of thanks were passed for the hotel management, the committee of arrangements, and the Alliance officers who have "done the work through so many years," and it was the full sense of the meeting voiced by Mrs. Gilson that some officers of the Executive Board should visit the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Coast sections at an early date.

Mrs. Delano had prepared an album for the autographs of all present, which the reception, which was a memorable feature of the conference.

The Executive Board held its regular monthly meeting in Memorial Chapel, First Unitarian Church, Chicago, on October 1, with twenty present. This was one of the best meetings ever held away from Boston, as each report was discussed and much information gained by every member. Many questions were asked concerning expenses, membership fees, Memorial, and other funds, and the appeals for Grace Chapel and the Divinity Schools were explained. The report of the Post Office Mission, which was read at the public meeting, was fully and freely talked over, each suggestion being considered in relation to conditions in different branches in various sections of the country. The corresponding secretary described the usefulness of the Manual, and the Cheerful Letter report called out explanations of its purpose and work. Mrs. Atherton had an opportunity to make a plea for preserving the loyalty of college girls, and Mrs. Peterson told what had been accomplished and what might now be done in the Southern circuits. Mr. Gillilan having resigned and Mr. Key attempting to fill all the appointments, it was recommended that one-half the salary heretofore paid Mr. Gillilan should be added to the present salary of Mr. Key. The needs of the Study Class were presented and debated, and the committee was authorized to prepare a leaflet on Social Economics during the

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The third regular meeting of the Executive Board of the National Young People's Religious Union for 1909-1910 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, October 5, 1909, at half-past two o'clock.

President Saunderson presided, and there were present: Miss Burrage, Miss Cline, Miss Faxon, Mr. Bates, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Lyon, Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Sturtevant, and the secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer made his statement of the month's finances, which was accepted.

The bills for the month were also approved. The secretary reported five new life members.

An encouraging report with regard to the coming fair was given.

A plan was presented by the president, whereby one of our ministers has agreed to visit the New Hampshire churches from time to time, perhaps visiting one group one week, another group some other week, and so on until all are visited.

Voted, To appoint Rev. Henry G. Ives of Andover, N. H., for special Field Agent in the State of New Hampshire.

The president also reported that the National Conference at Chicago was a

Voted, That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the three speakers at the Chicago Conference.

Voted, That the Board instruct the treasurer to pay the president's traveling expenses.

As there was no further business,

Voted, To adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary.*

South Middlesex Federation

The meeting of the federation, held at Winchester, Sunday, October 10, was called to order at 4.15 o'clock, acting president, Rev. Harry Lutz, in the chair. Rev. F. H. Billington of Carlisle conducted a short devotional service.

The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read by the secretary in his absence and accepted.

Then followed the report of the Nominating Committee, that was accepted, the following officers being elected:

President, Rev. Harry Lutz of Billerica.

Vice-President, Mr. Henry P. Curtiss of Newton.

Secretary, Miss Josephine A. Bruorton of Bedford.

Treasurer, Mr. Benjamin S. Stoney of East Lexington.

The general meeting of the federa-

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It was voted to elect some officer of the federation a life member yearly, and that a special contribution be taken for the purpose.

Rev. E. J. Helms spoke of the Camp and Bag Industry which has been established during the summer; also concerning the Day Nursery.

The roll call showed eighty-five delegates present.

The subject of the afternoon, "The New Generation of Unitarians," was taken up by Rev. Harry Lutz, whose report of the Young People's Meeting at the National Conference, brought out the strong national aspect of the Young People's Organization; Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, the president of the Boston Federation, spoke strongly upon the part of the young men; Mr. Joseph A. Harwood had a word of reprobation for the new generation who were renegades in their civic and public duties; while Mr. Frederic G. Melcher spoke on "Civic Opportunity."

Luncheon was served by the Metcalf Union at the close; and at seven o'clock an impressive devotional service was conducted by Rev. William I. Lawrence in the church. Rev. Elmer S. Forbes, secretary of the Social Service Department, then preached a sermon from Matthew 4:17, "Prepare, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

JOSEPHINE A. BRUORTON, *Secretary*.

Pilgrim Federation

The Pilgrim Federation meeting was held in West Bridgewater, Mass., on Bridgewater and Brockton reported the progress of their unions. Miss Ada Parker and Mr. Arnold reported for the committee in charge of the federation table at the fair.

The Play Committee reported that no action has been taken as yet, but a play is being considered with probably the same performers as last year.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to visit all unions in the federation, for the purpose of interesting those members who do not take an active part in the work at present.

A social hour followed, and in order that members might become better acquainted, each one was tagged with his own name and the name of his town. Games and refreshments brought to a close one of the most delightful meetings of the year.

HELEN I. KEITH, *Secretary*.

The Union-at-Large

The Union-at-Large has begun the work of its fourth year. In order that this work may be more far-reaching than ever before the committee earnestly requests that all ministers, and secretaries of the Young People's Religious Unions, send to the chairman as soon as possible the names of all young people who have lately left their homes for purposes of education or of business.

If the Union-at-Large can this coming year be made as efficient in its organization and methods as the committee hopes and intends, it will be hard

ferent from that of their church; and it helps them to understand their own beliefs.

It is only through the interest and kindness of the ministers and the Young People's Religious Union secretaries that the names of most of these young people can be obtained.

The Union-at-Large is as yet too little known to make any other way practical.

The committee is very grateful for the aid it has already received in this direction, and will appreciate heartily any further assistance.

Names may be sent to the chairman, or to any other member of the committee.

MARGUERITE FELLOWS,
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Committee for the Year 1909-1910

Miss Laura Darling
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Miss Mabelle Rice
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Miss Mildred Wiggin
Mr. Frederic G. Melcher
Rev. Alson H. Robinson

The Sixth Biennial Bazaar

Life Members

Since last reported in this column the number of Life Members has been increased from eighty-three to one hundred and four, fourteen of these (starred below) being the direct result of the Life Members' Table at the fair, and should be credited to the work of its enterprising chairman; the other seven resulted from the Shoals meetings, the National Conference, etc. The additions are as follows:

84. Mr. Herbert C. Beck, Roslindale, Mass.
85. Miss Carrie Lovett, West Newton, Mass.
* 86. Rev. Roger S. Forbes, Dorchester, Mass.
* 87. Mrs. Frederic S. Clark, North Billerica, Mass.
* 88. Miss Anna M. Bancroft, Hopedale, Mass.
* 89. Mr. Walter P. Eaton, New York, N. Y.
* 90. Sunday-school of Church of Our Father, Newburgh, N. Y. (by gift of Mrs. Frederic D. Hitch.)
* 91. Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, Newton Centre, Mass.
92. Miss Sarah L. Curtis, Saco, Me.
93. Mr. Edward C. Tolman, West Newton, Mass.
94. Mrs. Austin C. Wellington, Cambridge, Mass.
95. Miss Jennie G. Moseley, Dorchester. Mass.

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* 101. Miss Ella Rutledge, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
* 102. Mr. J. Nelson, Parker, Billerica, Mass.
* 103. Mrs. John C. Cobb, Milton, Mass.
* 104. Mr. Henry B. Little, Newburyport, Mass.

Union Notes

Berkeley, Cal. "The Channing Club is the young people's organization of the Unitarian church of Berkeley, Cal. It has been in existence for a year and a half, and at present has a membership of over one hundred. It was formed with the idea of bringing the young people of the church in closer touch with one another through their social, literary, musical, and charitable interests. At the regular Sunday evening meetings the club is addressed on some topic of general interest, either by a visitor or a member of the club. Social gatherings are held monthly. The girls of the club meet once a week and sew for some poor children of Berkeley."

West Bridgewater, Mass. "The Young People's Religious Union has been doing good work the past year, many of the younger helping in the church choir every Sunday and being present at all the meetings."

Ann Arbor, Mich. "Our Young People's Religious Union membership is almost entirely made up of students. The constant change in membership and the interests of students make some kinds of work more practical than others. The social side is in some ways the most important. There is another side of our work which we do not neglect. Our programs are filled by students or members of the faculty. This year many of our papers have been on social topics. The place of the church has been one subject of interest. Considering that we are an ever changing student body with many interests, both here and at home, a membership of about forty-five is a reason for self-congratulation."

Hanska, Minn. "Our league is now over two years old and has an enrollment of some seventy-five members. It has raised nearly $250 with which to purchase a piano for the Parish House, which the friends of our church are building in the village. We meet about in the homes of members or friends, and the meetings are usually very well attended, sometimes reaching one hundred persons. At these meetings we sing hymns and songs, with other music, recitations, readings, etc. During the first year Werner's 'Courage,' and Rev. Charles F. Dole's 'The Religion of a Gentleman' were read at these league meetings."

Bellingham, Wash. "The Young People's Society has completed its first year of weekly meetings and has been studying the history of Unitarianism. This society is composed of Normal School students and teachers of the public schools. The attendance is naturally small, but the year has been of real value to those attending."

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The Free Church

The church that possesses the largest possibility of public serviceableness in America to-day is the church that is elastic in its doctrinal system, that founds its ministry, not on ecclesiastical traditions, but on sincere and Christian manhood, and that describes itself as a company of the disciples of Jesus Christ, united for the worship of God and the service of man.

It is a free church that breathes naturally in the atmosphere of a free state. To an unparalleled degree the men and women trained in the free churches have served the cause of education, philanthropy, and reform. The forms of faith and government practised by the liberal churches have proved their capacity to produce America's chosen leaders in almost every walk of life.

More and more these churches seek not to make ends of themselves, but to quicken the higher life of the community at large. They preserve Christianity

On Getting into Line

If you believe in this new kind of church, and it expresses the principles that you believe to be true, it is not fair for you to stand aside while others fight your battle. Besides, there is absolute need that all of us who thus believe in the liberal faith and free church should get together. That man most truly counts who is willing to line up and be counted. In no other way can he better further the interests of the cause of true religion. Hence this church has a challenge for every liberal, and fronts him with a duty as well as a privilege. If you believe in freedom and the rational principle in religion, get into line, and do your share in their advancement.

A Bond of Union

The Bond of Union of the Church of the Unity, Cleveland, Ohio, reads as follows:

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"We whose names are here subscribed

of the society of which by this act we become members.

"Basing our union upon this expressed moral and religious purpose, and emphasizing the religion of character and daily life above all creedal confessions, we invite to our membership all who are seriously drawn to us in our spirit and aims, and who desire to have with us their church home."

Ministerial Personals

Rev. Sydney B. Snow, late of Palo Alto, Cal., has accepted a call to Concord, N. H. Rev. F. R. Griffin, late of Braintree, Mass., was installed at Montreal, Canada, November 16. Rev. J. H. Weeks has resigned at Norton, Mass., to accept a call to Houlton, Me. Rev. H. T. Secrist, of All Souls' Church, Roxbury, Mass., has resigned. Rev. H. A. MacDonald of East Lexington, Mass., has received a call to Hood River, Ore. Rev. A. J. Wilson, formerly of Walpole, N. H., has been installed at Newburgh, N. Y. Rev. H. W. Foote has accepted an appointment to be secretary of the Department of Education of the American Unitarian Asociation, but he will continue for the coming winter in charge of the work at Ann Arbor, Mich. Rev. Herbert Whitney has been chosen associate minister of the church at Elizabeth, N. J. Rev. M. F. Ham, late of Dallas, Texas, has accepted a call to Reading, Mass.

New Work

The new church building at Bellingham, Wash., was dedi- which unites the Unitarians and Universalists in a coöperative enterprise.

A Unitarian church at Sanford, Me., was organized on November 16. Services have been held at Sanford during the fall, with a large attendance, and there is promise of a strong movement.

Services are being held at Washington Heights, N. Y., by the ministers of the New York churches, and a permanent society is likely to result. There is no Unitarian church in Manhattan Borough above 121st Street.

New organs, adding greatly to the equipment for public worship, have been installed at Keene, N. H., and Lawrence, Kas.

Pacific Coast

Reports from Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, field secretary for the Department of the Pacific States, indicate progress and the hopeful condition of the churches. At San Jose the morning congregations are increasing, being larger than the former evening attendance, while the Sunday-school is prospering and the church united and harmonious. At Palo Alto Rev. Clarence Reed was installed on October 31, the congregation filling the church. Mr. Wilbur preached the sermon, his subject being, "The Mission of the Unitarian Church in a College Town."

The church at Alameda has sustained a great loss in the removal of its minister to the church in Palo Alto, but Mr. Leavitt of San Francisco and Mr. Simonds of Oakland are supplying the pulpit for the present. With good courage and a hearty devotion to the cause the congre-

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ciety will greatly increase in numbers and financial strength.

In the new work at Eureka, Woodland, and Eugene the conditions are all encouraging.

Secretary's Journey Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, secretary of the Association, has recently made a rapid trip of inspection to Morgantown and Wheeling, W. Va., terminating with attendance upon the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the settlement of the Rev. Hugo G. Eisenlohr over St. John's German Parish in Cincinnati.

The University City of Morgantown is rapidly becoming an important metropolis, and several of the professors and leading men of the place are deeply interested in establishing a strong and liberal church. Efforts are already being made to acquire a suitable lot for a building near the University. As in most communities in West Virginia the prevailing theology is extremely conservative; but the cordiality with which the Unitarian effort is received bespeaks a broad-mindedness on the part of many of the people, including several of the local clergymen, which is unusual.

The Rev. Alfred Free, until recently the pastor of the church in Florence, Mass., is now the minister-in-charge; and he has already, by his scholarly attainments and judicious counsel, inspired the sense of permanency for our enterprise, and convinced many of its genuine serviceableness as one of the religious institutions of the city. The University is destined to have a commanding influence throughout an extensive territory veloped. Wheeling and its immediate environs has now become a center of many progressive industries. It is the expectation of those interested that great strength will be discovered, and the resources necessary to put the Unitarian church upon a basis of self-support within a few years.

Rev. Hugo G. Eisenlohr of Cincinnati was a Divinity School classmate of the secretary's. His Silver Jubilee as pastor of St. John's was a notable occasion. The large congregation filled the church, fully nine hundred being present. The morning service was conducted in the German language. The evening service was an event long to be remembered by all. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and electric lights, a life-sized portrait of the pastor adorning the pulpit. There was special singing by the young people and addresses of congratulation by the secretary of the American Unitarian Association, neighboring German ministers and Rabbi Grossmann of the Jewish Synagogue.

Mr. Eisenlohr's church is Unitarian in everything except the name, and through all these years its minister has had a perfectly free pulpit. To say nothing of the sermons and addresses and incessant visitations of Mr. Eisenlohr among his people, the following brief record of twenty-five years of pastoral service speaks for itself: Christenings, 4,383; Confirmations, 1,675; Marriages, 3,586; Funerals, 5,030; making a total of 14,674.

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Department of Comity The volume of papers and proceedings of the First or

about three hundred pages, neatly bound, and is sold for 75 cents, postpaid, at the Unitarian Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, and other depositaries. The work is extremely interesting as a presentation of the larger fellowship now slowly arising in Christendom. Jews and Roman Catholics, Protestants, Unitarians, Universalists, Episcopalians, Friends, and Baptists were among the speakers and essayists, nineteen of these being laymen and laywomen of prominence. The topics treated are present-day problems of thought and the social order.

Publication Department

The third volume in the series of paper-covered books, which is to be Martineau's "Endeavors after the Christian Life," will be ready December 1. The first two were Savage's "Pillars of the Temple" and Slicer's "Great Affirmations of Religion." The issue of these well-known books, at the inexpensive price of 25 cents (32 cents delivered), is meeting with strong commendation.

The experiment of having books on sale at the churches or in the Parish Houses is now in full swing and bids fair, from early indications, to be generally successful. The month of December will largely determine the feasibility of keeping the books on sale and available throughout the year at the hands of a local representative. One hundred and twenty-five congregations, during the present month, will have this opportunity of examining and purchasing Twenty-two (22) dollars worth have been purchased this week. . . . I shall promote the sale of the books all I can. Our people seem very glad of the opportunity to obtain these books. Your scheme is a fine one. I am furthering it as a missionary venture. Every Unitarian book sold strengthens the cause by disseminating our principles."

Large success to his missionary enterprise and zeal!

Publicity Department

The *Unitarian Calendar* is being well received by the churches for which it is published, and is evidently doing effective work in increasing the interest and attendance. One minister writes, "You will be interested to know that our people feel that the rapid increase in the attendance at our church is due, in some measure at least, to the circulation of the *Calendar.*" The number printed in November was 10,625.

The department is coöperating with Rev. Albert J. Coleman of Jacksonville, in the publication of the *Paragraph Pulpit* for a three months' term. The success of the first venture on these lines, last year, has resulted in this further undertaking. In Cedar Rapids, during a revival conducted by Billy Sunday, the *Paragraph Pulpit* has been published in the local press, under the direction of Rev. Charles P. Wellman.

Mr. Casson paid a visit last month to the Meadville Theological School, addressing the students on modern methods of church work, and presenting

checks are already coming in, and it is confidently expected to raise the full $5,000 for which the appeal has been made.

The six men engaging in open-air services this summer spoke in a wonderfully interesting way at a special meeting held in the Second Church, Boston, in the interest of the open-air work. Their experiences were listened to with greatest attention and profit, and their enthusiasm was largely shared by those present.

The special series of popular Sunday evening services being held in the Old South Meeting House by the secretary of the department are proving very successful. At the first meeting, on November 7, the church was full, between seven hundred and eight hundred people being present, most of whom were men. A volunteer chorus of about sixty voices aided in the singing. The interest and enthusiasm of the meeting were expressed in the applause which greeted some of the statements made by the speaker.

After speaking at the Middle States and Canada Conference in Buffalo, on November 11, Mr. Casson held two services in Hamilton, Ont., on Friday and Sunday nights. The press gave two-column reports of the first meeting, and on Sunday night the church was filled to the doors.

Department of Social and Public Service

On the first of November the series of People's Meetings began, which the secretary of the department has been organizing in Cambridge for the discussion of professors in Harvard University, are associated in a committee which has them in charge, and it is probable that members of other groups will be added to the committee to make it as generally representative as possible. The purpose of the meetings is to give a platform for the free discussion of any question which concerns the public welfare. The local affairs of Cambridge, the great industrial interests, and the many social problems of the time, all have a place on the program, and are treated from an ethical point of view. Another end which it is hoped and expected that the meetings will serve is the bringing together of the different elements in the community, to make each other's acquaintance, and to talk over, face to face, matters of common interest. The first step in social readjustment of any kind is that men shall come to understand each other's purposes and aims, and shall learn to respect each other's sincerity. We believe that the democratic character of these assemblies and the discussions which have all the freedom of a New England town meeting will do much to promote this better mutual understanding.

The meetings are held on Sunday evenings, in the Parish House of the First Church, on Harvard Square. The secretary of the department acts as chairman. There is some music and an address on a subject announced and advertised beforehand, after which the meeting is thrown open to the house for questions and debate. So far the meetings have been largely attended, and the success of the experiment seems assured. The program for December gives an idea

The following books have been added within the last month to the Social Service Loan Library:

Social Organization.	*Cooley*
The Christian Ministry and the Social Order	*Macfarland and others*
Jesus Christ and the Social Question	*Peabody*
Jesus Christ and the Christian Character	*Peabody*
The Socialized Church	
Misery and its Causes	*Devine*
Government of American Cities	*Deming*
Practical Housing	*Nettleford*
How to Help	*Connington*
State Insurance	*Lewis*
Pauperism and the Endowment of Old Age	*Booth*
Civics and Health	*Allen*

Department of Foreign Relations

A special tour of American delegates and their friends to the Fifth International Congress of Unitarian and other Religious Liberals, to be held next summer in Berlin, Germany, has been arranged through Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son.

This special tour will be of fifty-two days' duration, at a cost of $375, embracing England, Holland, Germany, France, and Belgium.

The advantages of being a member of a personally conducted party are its entire freedom from care, annoyance, and responsibility, economy of time, and definite cost, which enables much more to be accomplished than by the individual traveler.

The fare includes minimum first-class ocean passage out and home, second-class railroad fares, with first-class erary, fees, except on Atlantic liners, and services of competent conductors from arrival at Liverpool to departure from Antwerp.

The entire cabin accommodation of the steamship "Winifredian" (or its sister ship, the "Devonian") has been reserved for this party. This provides for one hundred and fifty members. As the number is likely to be exceeded, prompt application should be made.

The Itinerary provides for sailing from Boston on July 13; receptions at Liverpool, Oxford, and London during the stay in England; visits to The Hague, Amsterdam, and Cologne on the way to Berlin; a week in Berlin attending the meetings of the Counsel and taking part in the excursions; a return journey by the way of Munich, Lucerne, and Paris, and sailing from Antwerp on August 25.

A special tour is being arranged for Unitarian delegates who desire to attend the four hundredth anniversary of the Unitarian Church of Hungary. The route will be the same as the special tour, outlined above, as far as Munich, August 16. Thence to Hungary via Vienna, and return via Fiume, Venice, Florence, Milan, Lucerne, Paris, and Antwerp, returning to the United States by September 20.

It is very important to remember that *outward and return accommodation should be secured at once.* Ministers and delegates are therefore urged to advise us as soon as possible regarding their departure. Also advise date of return, so that suitable provision can be made. A deposit of ten dollars is required on registration, a second deposit

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The officers of the Alliance take this opportunity of saying "Merry Christmas" to the branches, and expressing their good-wishes for a prosperous season. May every sale and fair be successful, and every branch grow in grace, increase in loyalty and multiply in numbers.

The Executive Board held its monthly meeting on November 12, with twenty-five present, from New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey.

The president, who had just returned from the Middle States Conference in Buffalo, gave an account of the Alliance meeting held on the first day of the conference, and referred especially to the address by Rev. Elizabeth Padgham, on "The Spiritual side of Alliance work," as being timely and helpful.

The treasurer reported the name of Mrs. M. J. Parmenter, added to the In Memoriam list by her son, and that of Mrs. Sarah M. Wetherbee, placed by the Newton branch. Mrs. Sarah E. Horne, Dorchester, Mrs. Prescott Keyes, Concord, and Mrs. Mary C. Clark, Winchendon, all of Massachusetts, have been made Life Members.

The corresponding secretary related some pleasant experiences of recent visits to branches, and told of a most satisfacory day spent at Concord, N. H., where the director had gathered an unusually large neighborhood meeting.

less be of value for distribution. In the important report given at Chicago it was stated that "A careful study of branch reports, sent to the chairman, show a great inequality among Alliances in their estimation of the importance of the distribution of Unitarian literature." Only one hundred and forty-two branches reported any form of distribution. Those who have ever taken part in the work can surely testify to its importance and the need of its extension. The intense interest, always aroused by a live Post Office Mission, makes it most valuable to the branch undertaking it. The committee recommends maintaining with correspondents an associate church membership, being quite sure that many who have received tracts and letters would like to be brought into connection with some church. The committee desires, also, to increase the number of sermons in the Post Office Mission Exchange, and it is hoped that many branches will print one or more sermons the coming winter.

The Cheerful Letter Exchange is in need of more teachers, and has more calls for libraries than can be filled. Some letters of interest were received from places without the advantages of a library, and furnishing opportunity for good work for Cheerful Letter Committees and Junior Alliances.

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The gift of $200 from the disbanded society at Beachmont, Mass., mentioned

liance work and in the former Beachmont branch. The remaining $150 will be set aside as a sort of emergency fund.

The Committee on Appeals presented an appeal from Waverley, Mass., for help in building a much needed Parish House. The church is centrally located, attractive and comfortable, but there is only one room for Sunday services, Sunday-school, Alliance and social meetings. There is no good hall to be hired. Waverley is a village in the town of Belmont, seven miles from Boston, and a rapidly growing suburb. The parish is small, but active and harmonious, with bright, interesting children growing up in the Sunday-school. The people have worked hard for three years to secure this addition to the church, and now ask for assistance. The appeal for $600 was recommended to the branches.

The committee for the Southern circuits reported unflagging interest in the Florida-Georgia circuit. Mr. Gibson has preached at Greensboro and Apalachicola. In North Carolina good congregations greet the ministers at every point on their rounds. Mr. Cowan has made arrangements to use vacant houses during the winter months instead of the brush shelters, and reports steady attendance. In the seacoast circuit Mr. Key has filled all appointments, and finds increasing interest at each place as well as at Middle Sound, Bolton, and Watha. At Shelter Neck the regular service and Sunday-school bring together practically the whole neighborhood, and the Alliance Branch holds its monthly meeting with good attendance.

Mrs. Emily C. Morton, 487 Rock Street, Fall River, was elected a director for Massachusetts to fill the unexpired

church is a small one which has not had a settled minister for nine years, until Rev S. C. Beane came last May. The secretary writes that it is "one of the bravest, most industrious of parishes, entirely out of debt, with newly renovated social rooms and a fund for making over the church interior, which is growing each year. New organizations are starting, and much interest is shown in the Alliance."

The secretary of the branch at Melrose, Mass., is Mrs. Roger W. Kinsman, 16 Hillside Avenue. Miss Anna Chapin, 80 Benefit Street, is now secretary of the branch at the First Church, Providence, R. I., Mrs. Slocum, announced in October, having left the city. The treasurer of the branch at the Second Unitarian Society, Brookline, Mass., is Mrs. A. W. Bowker, 23 Toxteth Street.

The Unitarian headquarters in San Francisco have been removed to 376 Sutter Street, which will be the address of Mrs. Presson, the director for that section of California.

The meeting of the board was addressed by Mrs. Frank L. Young, a delegate from the Unitarian Temperance Society, who urged more consideration of the temperance question upon the Alliance. The need of more active measures for the suppression of intemperance was very forcibly stated, and the Alliance was called upon for endorsement and help.

(The Alliance wishes to coöperate with the Temperance Society as it does

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funds, but the Alliance has its own specific line of work, and must confine itself therein. *Ed.)*

It was voted that Post Office Mission Committees be requested to promote the increased circulation of the pamphlets and tracts issued by the Temperance Society.

The New York League looks forward to a winter of great interest and progress. It has, for a general subject, "Open Questions," and the following quotation is on the first page of the program: "The hunger for brotherhood is at the bottom of the unrest of the modern civilized world"; and

"New times demand new measures and new men,
The world advances and in time outgrows
The laws that in our fathers' days were best."

At the last meeting Mrs. James H. Morse related touching incidents of her life as a child in New York City. She told of the underground railroad, the housing of fugitives and anecdotes of the refugees, and graphically described the sacking of her father's house during the Civil War. "What I have learned," said the speaker, "is, not to be afraid of the questions of the day, not to be afraid to do and say what I have felt, and a feeling that I wanted to be with my city and country around us. I have always been grateful for the courage learned then."

The Milton. Mass.. branch has sent branches wide awake. At Los Angeles a midweek meeting is held, "for the informal discussion of religious problems and perplexities." The Oakland Alliance has inaugurated the third year of the present pastorate, by an Anniversary Banquet, especially notable "for the hearty spirit of fellowship and cheer which characterized it." Portland, Ore., had the honor of having President Taft in the congregation. "The service was impressive throughout," Dr. Eliot making the prayer.

Harriet Martineau, sister of James Martineau, lived many years at the Knoll, Ambleside. She built a chapel, too, for Nonconformist services. This building was afterwards leased to the Methodists, but has recently reverted to Miss Martineau's heirs, and now a Unitarian minister, nephew of Miss Martineau, conducts Sunday services therein — the Rev. Philip Martineau Higginson.

On November 14, Rev. James De Normandie, D.D., of the First Religious Society, Roxbury, Mass., preached a sermon commemorating the two hundred and seventy-eighth anniversary of the landing of John Eliot, Apostle to the Indians. For nearly half a century Apostle Eliot was teacher and preacher in this church, commonly known as the Eliot Church, and his chair is a cherished possession.

In urging the formation of Post Office Mission Committees it is not ex-

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istence of such a faith as ours, together with the reports of the welcome our publications receive from correspondents, are so striking that we feel justified in appealing to the board for an increased recognition of the importance of the distribution of Unitarian literature as a field of Alliance work."

All necessary information will be given by the chairman of the national committee, Mrs. Frederick T. Lord, who may be found at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, on Monday mornings from 9 till 10 o'clock. Letters concerning Post Office Mission and the distribution of Unitarian literature may be sent to the same address.

Alliance branches which are interested in church building will find a delightful study in English church architecture. Where an agreement cannot be reached between Gothic and Colonial, deep and lofty, broad and low, the claims of a perfectly round church are worth considering. There are four of these round churches in England, notable, aside from their history, for their seating capacity and acoustic qualities. The famous Temple Church in London is the most familiar. There is also one at Cambridge and others at smaller places, Northampton and Little Maplestead.

Appeals for fairs almost invariably meet with a kindly and generous response, even the smallest and least prosperous branches taking pride and pleasure in sending some little article to express their good-will, or at least a note vast amount of good, fostering as it does the Alliance idea of fellowship. In sending articles for fairs, however, a reasonable amount of care should be used to send what is proper and fitting. It is a poor compliment to send to a fair a useless, worthless object, discarded from the home, even if it be of pristine freshness; but to send a soiled and battered contribution, speaking plainly of many previous sales and much traveling, comes perilously near an affront. It is a regrettable fact that more than one such unfortunate gift has been sent out of late, and though politeness will not allow the recipients to express their feelings, such occurrences do not make for warm regard. These cases indicate thoughtlessness rather than any intentional discourtesy, and a word on the subject is sure to be sufficient.

Appeals	Amounts needed
Allegheny, Pa.	$395
Richmond, Va.	260
Bellingham, Wash.	144
Waverley, Mass.	600
Green Harbor, Mass.	$317
Meadville students	132
Pacific School students	166

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held December 10, and reports will be expected from the Southern and Rocky Mountain sections.

The branch at South Brooklyn, N.Y., will hold a fair, December 14 to 18, and will gratefully receive articles,

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The fourth regular meeting of the Executive Board of the National Young People's Religious Union for 1909-10 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, November 2, 1909, at half past two o'clock.

President Saunderson presided, and there were present: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Harwood, Mr. McMurdie, Miss Burrage, Miss Cline, and the secretary.

The reports of the secretary and the treasurer were read and approved, and the month's bills were approved.

As the full returns from the fair are not all in and a supplementary sale of the articles remaining is to be held later, the treasurer of the fair could make only a partial report; showing about $1,700 clear to date.

The number of Life Members has now reached one hundred and twenty-four, thirty-four having been gained since the last meeting, the direct result of the Life Members' Table at the fair. In connection with the securing of Life Memberships, money has been contributed in memory of persons who are deceased. Therefore, it was

VOTED: to create a Memorial Fund, the principal of which shall be safely invested and kept perpetually, the interest to be used for the general purposes of the union.

VOTED: that the names of people in cured, through the energy of Miss Edith Melvin, chairman of the Life Members' Table at the fair, showing what special effort will accomplish, it was accordingly

VOTED: to appoint Miss Melvin, chairman of a Committee on Life Memberships, the other members of which she shall choose, to continue indefinitely the securing of Life Members.

VOTED: to instruct the Finance Committee to investigate opportunities for the investment of the Life Membership Fund, and to report at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, or at a special meeting, if desirable.

VOTED: to instruct the treasurer to turn the interest of the Life Membership Fund into the general funds of the union.

Some time was spent in the discussion of plans relating to the Field Work.

GRACE R. TORR,
Secretary.

South Worcester Federation

The fall meeting of the South Middlesex Federation was held with the Guild of à Kempis, at Hopedale, Mass., on Sunday, October 24, 1909.

The afternoon session opened at 5.30, with Mr. Harry Newman, vice-president, in the chair.

The resignation of Mr. Edwin L. Clarke of Worcester, as president of the federation, was read and accepted, Mr. Clarke being obliged to resign on account of having moved to Canon City,

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The paper of the afternoon was by Miss Angeline J. Smith of Hopedale, who took for her subject, "Work of Unitarianism," giving a fine idea of the amount and variety of work accomplished at headquarters, and showing clearly the growth of Unitarianism.

The evening session was at seven o'clock, the choir of the Hopedale Church assisting: then Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff of East Boston gave a very interesting address on "Making Religion Practical."

The annual meeting in January will be held in Worcester with the South Memorial Church.

MAY A. LELAND,
Secretary.

North Worcester Federation

The autumn meeting of the North Worcester Federation of Young People's Religious Unions was held with the Bartol Guild, at Lancaster, Sunday afternoon and evening, November 14.

The meeting opened with a brief praise service, followed by a very cordial address of welcome by Rev. Abbot Peterson. Mr. Orra L. Stone of Clinton responded for the federation. The general subject of the afternoon was "The Church and the Young People"; and the first address on "What can the Church do for the Young People?" was given by Rev. P. H. Cressey of Groton. "What the Young People can do for the Church" was very ably presented by Rev. A. S. Garver of Worcester. Both addresses were very interesting, and called forth a discus-

At six o'clock lunch was served by the Lancaster Union, followed by a social hour. The evening service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Peterson; the singing, led by the choir of the church; and the sermon was by Rev. George Hale Reed of Belmont, who gave a very eloquent and inspiring address, having as his subject, "Once for All."

The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic held for several years.

HELEN W. GREENWOOD,
Secretary.

Essex Federation

The meeting of the Essex Federation was held in the Second Church, Salem, Mass., on Wednesday evening, November 17. After refreshments had been served, Rev. William S. Nichols of North Andover conducted a devotional service, followed by a stirring address on "The Present Challenge," by Rev. Harold G. Arnold of Bridgewater.

A business meeting was next in order, resulting in the election of the following officers: president, Mr. Sidney Holden, Salem; vice-president, Mr. Richard Winchester, Beverly; secretary-treasurer, Miss Mercedes H. Torr, Peabody; directors, Miss Mary Whipple, Miss C. Louise Friend, Miss Edith Perkins, and Miss Mabel Peach.

About eighty were present, with every union in the federation represented.

Union-at-Large

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This committee continues its work faithfully from month to month, and

were still desired. These blanks have been returned slowly, making the present number of members smaller than last year; but the list is still growing. The committee is all the time striving to secure new names, and expects both the ministers and young people's societies to assist in this work.

Sixth Biennial Bazaar

The fair took place as scheduled; and the whole affair was both a social and a financial success. We cannot yet give the exact sum cleared as more money is continually coming, so that the sum is constantly increasing. The total to date is a little over $1,700. We hope that when the after-sale has taken place, and the total receipts are all handed in, that the $2,000 mark will be reached.

An After-Sale

An after-sale of articles remaining from the fair will be held in Room 3, of the Unitarian Building, Boston, on Saturday, December 4, from 1 to 5 o'clock. Home-made candy will also be for sale. Here is an opportunity for those unable to attend the fair at Hotel Vendome to keep this date in mind, and give us their patronage that afternoon.

Life Members

Our Life Membership list now numbers one hundred and thirty-five. All these whose names are affixed below are the result of the Life Members' Table at the fair, a total of forty-five being credited to that table alone.

Miss Edith Melvin of Concord,

105. Mrs. F. E. Snow, Boston, Mass.
106. Mr. Frank H. Wilbur, Charlestown, N. H.
107. Mr. Prescott Keyes, Concord, Mass.
108. Mr. Horace S. Sears, Weston, Mass.
109. Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, Cambridge, Mass.
110. Rev. Henry G. Ives, Andover, N. H.
111. Miss Helen L. Wells, Newton, Mass.
112. Mrs. Frank C. Childs, Lexington, Mass.
113. Mrs. Frederick D. Stackpole, Lincoln, Mass.
114. Rev. John H. Applebee, Attleboro, Mass.
115. Miss Elizabeth Hurd, Boston, Mass.
116. Miss Mallie J. Floyd, Dorchester, Mass.
117. Mrs. George Lovett, West Newton, Mass.
118. Mr. Arthur Lovett, West Newton, Mass.
119. Miss Louise W. Lovett, West Newton, Mass.
120. Mr. Edward K. Stevens, Newport, R. I.
121. Mr. Philip P. Sharples, Cambridge, Mass.
122. Miss Florence Belding, Fitchburg, Mass.
123. Rev. Harry Lutz, Billerica, Mass.
124. Mrs. G. A. Furness, Salem, Mass.
125. Mrs. J. M. Emmerton, Salem, Mass.
126. Mr. William H. Swasey, Newburyport, Mass.
127. Miss Mary S. Ames, Boston, Mass.

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A Present Duty

What answer are the Unitarians of America to make to the needs of their cause in the new year? Is the message of truth and freedom and unity which it is the privilege of Unitarians to affirm to find any more adequate utterance? Are the institutions through whose word and work this message is uttered to find any larger encouragement and support?

The Association is not a great endowed body. It is simply the agent of the churches in carrying forward the larger cause which all the churches represent, and in extending the influence of the principles of truth and conduct which Unitarians cherish. All its field work is dependent upon the repeated and increasing generosity of Unitarians, and to the zeal and devotion of ministers and people the directors of the Association must look to enable them to meet the thronging opportunities for the planting of new churches and the maintenance of old ones. Hither come the ministers who are bravely struggling to maintain themselves and their families on inadequate incomes. Hither come the scholars with the product of their toil, and men and women with well-devised plans for extending the influence of our principles. How long must it be necessary for the directors of the Association to answer the enthusiasm of such volunteers and the appeals for sympathy and help with the words of discouragement or denial which the poverty of the Association so often necessitates?

The encouragement of liberal principles, the diffusion of liberal thought and the planting of Unitarian churches all await the increasing generosity of Unitarian people. To meet the just demands upon it, the Association needs, and can wisely and effectively use, a much larger income than it has ever received. If only the men and women who own the

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hope that the prompt energy and hearty cooperation of the ministers and people of our churches in raising the missionary contributions will, in the four months remaining in the fiscal year, lift the work of the Association into larger efficiency and increasing power of blessing?

Ministerial Personals

Rev. E. R. Shippen has resigned at Lancaster, Pa., to accept a call to Detroit, Mich. Rev. E. J. Prescott has resigned at Rockland, Mass., to accept a call to the new Society at Sanford, Maine. Rev. H. A. MacDonald has resigned at East Lexington, Mass., to accept a call to Hood River, Oregon. Rev. Richmond Fisk has resigned the charge of the Universalist Society at Ogdensburg, N. Y., and will take charge of the Unitarian Society at Ayer, Mass. Rev. D. R. Freeman has accepted a call to the church at Braintree, Mass. Rev. A. W. Birks has resigned at Derby, Conn., to accept a call to Natick, Mass. Rev. G. L. Thompson has accepted a call to Laconia, N. H. Rev. W. H. Fish has resigned at Meadville, Pa. Rev. G. W. H. Troop, formerly of the Episcopal Church, has accepted a call to Ottawa, Can. Rev. Horace Westwood has accepted a call to Youngstown, Ohio. Rev. W. H. Ramsay has resigned at Louisville, during the coming winter. He has made his first journey of observation and counsel, visiting Urbana, Ill., the seat of the University of Illinois; Ithaca, N. Y., the seat of Cornell University; the Meadville Theological School, the Hackley School at Tarrytown, N. Y., and the Harvard Divinity School. While in Boston he conferred with the Committee on Education of the Board of Directors and also with the Directors of the Young People's Religious Union, and he preached and conducted morning prayers at Appleton Chapel, Cambridge. In February Mr. Foote proposes to make a western journey which will take him into the Missouri Valley and the Red River Valley, where he will help in the work of the churches now existing at the different State Universities and visit other University towns where we are not now represented. In March Mr. Foote will probably go south, visiting the southern schools and attending the Convention of the Religious Education Association at Nashville.

Contributions

The Treasurer of the Association reports that the income of the Association for the first seven months shows a modest but healthy increase. Individual givers are as generous as in previous years and the record of the churches is encouraging.

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the Church of the Unity in Springfield, which maintains its noble contribution of last year—$1000.

It is impossible to mention all the notable gains or all the instances of generous giving. What a cheering record is that of the church in Petersham, Mass. Ten years ago that Society could give but $19.00 for the national work. Steadily the gift has increased until this year it reaches the sum of $137.00, and meanwhile this Society has lost its Meeting House by fire and has been at the expense of rebuilding. The new church is just about ready for dedication. What an encouraging record is that of the church in Plainfield, N. J. Ten years ago that church could give but $22.00 for the national work and now it has passed the $100 mark. The old First Parishes in Hingham and Wayland this year surpass all former records. Ten years ago Hingham gave $278.00 and again by almost regular increases it has gone up, last year to $697.00 and this year to $730.00. Wayland increases its contribution from $61.00 last year to $91.00 this year. It is good to see the newest societies beginning on the same progress. The little church in Franklin, Pa., in its second year doubles its gift. Among the strong and regular givers that make gains this year are the Second Church in Salem, the Hopedale Parish, and the church in Clinton, Mass., while the church in St. Paul, Minn., which passed the $100 mark three years ago, now gets by the $150 mark needed is that every church should be heartily interested and that *all together* should do as well for the cause in proportion to their means as the churches in Springfield and St. Paul.

Missionary Journeys

A most interesting report of recent missionary journeys accomplished by Rev. Frank Wright Pratt, the Field Secretary for the Northwestern Provinces, has been received at Headquarters. Mr. Pratt visited the cities and towns of Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and other places. In each place a service with address was given and much interest shown. After the address questions were in order and in some cases the meetings were continued far into the night. In this great region where people have arrived from all parts of the world there is a genuine demand for a church which will represent the latest and most practical views of life. Mr. Pratt writes: "The work is one of intense interest and any one who doubts the worth and polity of our message ought to get out into the open and talk to men face to face. It gives one an enthusiasm nothing else can. My audiences are practically all men — never more than a tenth women. I only wish I could be in several places at once. At this moment I wish I might be in Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, besides being on the road all the time."

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tion and sends monthly reports of his visits and services among his own people. Groups of Icelanders have been gathered at Foam Lake, Saskatchewan; Arnes, Mary Hill, Otto, Huansa and Winnipeg, forming the "Icelandic Unitarian Conference." A considerable portion of Mr. Petursson's time is spent in house-to-house visitation, explaining the nature of his work, discussing religious questions, and rendering such ministerial services as may be desired. He writes: "People are much freer to express themselves when met in their own houses than at a public gathering. They will ask questions there that they would never think of putting in a meeting. And at home they are not half so timid. After all, a Unitarian missionary is a mere man and not a monster when met and discoursed with under the family thatch." The Icelandic Unitarian Conference also publishes a paper in the Icelandic language. The present minister of the Icelandic church in Winnipeg, Rev. Gudmundur Arnason, is the editor, and a regularly appointed board of managers supervise the work.

Rev. Earl M. Wilbur, Field Secretary of the Pacific Department, reports favorable conditions all along the coast. He has planned an itinerary for the Secretary of the American Unitarian Association which will begin at San Bernardino on February 27th and end at Bellingham, Wash., about three weeks later. Mr. Wilson will attend the meeting of the Pacific journey to the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain district as the representative of the National Alliance. It is probable that a series of platform meetings will be arranged among many of the Pacific churches. Mr. Wilson will give special attention to the churches assisted by the American Unitarian Association.

The Rev. William S. Key, who is doing circuit work in North Carolina, reports many activities during the month past. During his Thanksgiving vacation he made a jaunt of four hundred and ninety-three miles, one hundred and twenty-four of them being on foot, conducting many meetings during that time and ministering to the wants of the people. Mr. Key's work is of a varied nature, not only does he represent the Unitarian gospel holding meetings in churches, schoolhouses and private residences, but his instructions, giving the people better ideas about using the natural resources of the country, are most valuable. Owing to an unprecedented drought the supply of water throughout the region was almost exhausted and Mr. Key in many instances assisted in the deepening of wells and the general relief of the people.

The churches at Waterbury, Conn., and Denver, Col., have formally applied for fellowship in the Unitarian body, the former to be known as All Souls' Universalist-Unitarian Church of Waterbury, and the latter the Bethany Baptist Church (Unitarian)

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tarian church of large promise has been organized at Sanford, Me.

Publicity Department

The number of churches taking the Unitarian Calendar continues to increase. Owing to the immense amount of detail connected with the enterprise, several editions have been somewhat delayed in reaching subscribers, but arrangements have been made for earlier delivery.

Rev. B. A. Hills reports encouraging results from the publication of the Paragraph Pulpit in Traverse City, Mich. "Many people have gotten into the habit of looking for the sermons. I have heard from villages outside."

As the result of special advertising, many hundreds of requests for Dr. Eliot's address on "The Religion of the Future" have been received from all parts of the country. Some of the requests have come from Turkey, Sweden, Porto Rico, Mexico and the Philippines, indicating the widespread interest in liberal religion.

The special series of popular Unitarian services held by the secretary of the department in the Old South Meeting-house, Boston, was in every way a success. Audiences of from 700 to 800 gathered in the historic building, and showed the utmost interest and appreciation of the message delivered. Many times this interest manifested itself in hearty applause. At the close of the last two addresses, an opportunity was given for questions, and the half hour was taken fullest advantage of by the

meeting his speaking engagements. In December he spoke in Lowell, Springfield, First Church, Boston, (Alliance), Somerville, Needham, Brookline, South Congregational, Boston, (Alliance), Waltham, Haverhill, (First Universalist Church), and twice in the Old South Meeting-house. He has already made engagements to speak in January in Somerville, Worcester (twice), North Easton, Springfield, Norton, Belmont, Cohasset, Northampton, Springfield, Needham, Melrose, and New York.

In response to many requests, the secretary of the department will soon prepare a new booklet, similar to the "Church of the Modern Spirit," but dealing with the special task assigned the Unitarian church at this time of transition and re-creation.

The secretary of the department and the president of the Association have planned a series of Missionary Conferences and Rallies at various centers. Round-table conferences of the ministers and lay workers are conducted in the afternoon, and in the evening a rousing rally is held. Representatives from all the nearby Unitarian churches are invited. The first was held in Lowell and proved very successful, and others have been arranged for Springfield and Worcester. Arrangements are being made for similar meetings in Fitchburg and Brockton. These meetings promise much for the development of the missionary spirit of our churches. Just as soon as we can secure the business sense and energy of our laymen in the conduct of our church

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Department of Social and Public Service

Within the last month the Secretary has addressed Alliances at Beverly and Leominster, on the subject of woman's special interest in social welfare. He spoke at a meeting of the Congregational Union in the First Church, Jamaica Plain, and has lectured on the Housing Problem before the Tuckerman School, and the Men's Clubs in West Somerville, Needham and Lowell. This lecture, which is illustrated by the stereopticon, points out the evils of the tenement house and its menace to the community, and speaks of the efforts which are being made at home and abroad to clean up and abolish the slum. Bad housing is a matter of vital concern, and Mr. Forbes will be glad to lecture upon it before any groups of people who are interested in the subject. On Sunday evenings he has continued to act as chairman of the People's Meetings which are being held in the First Church in Cambridge. These meetings are bringing together a very representative body of people, and the addresses and discussions are attracting attention throughout the city. They will continue until the first of April.

Since the last issue of WORD AND WORK a committee has been formed to direct the Italian work of the Association, and plans are under consideration which will greatly ex-

Religious Liberals. While the attendance was not large, seven different denominations were present or represented by letter. President Henry W. Wilbur occupied the chair. The Secretary Rev. Charles W. Wendte, reported that the total membership enrollment in the late Congress at Philadelphia had been one thousand and ten, and that the financial receipts of the same were $1,464, including a gift of $300 from the American Unitarian Association for the preliminary expenses of organizing the Federation. He further stated that the report of the Philadelphia Congress had been issued under the title "The Unity of the Spirit." It formed an attractive volume of three hundred pages, of which fifteen hundred copies had been printed. A thousand of these were sent to the members of the Congress and the speakers who addressed them, and there remained on hand some five hundred bound copies which were offered for sale at seventy-five cents each, postage included. It was moved by Rev. George H. Ferris, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia, that the next Congress of the Association be held in the early spring of 1911, and Rev. Frank O. Hall, pastor of the Church of the Divine Paternity (Universalist) in New York City, offered the hospitalities of his church for that purpose which [illegible]

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death. The programs for both of these meetings were left to the President and the Secretary of the Association, with the request that when formulated they be sent to the members of the Executive Committee for their approval. Various questions concerning the future usefulness of the Federation were discussed, among others a proposal to merge with other liberal associations. It was finally decided not to change either the present title or form of organization of the Federation, but to continue its work under the auspices already existing. The Chairman and the Secretary were instructed to appoint delegates to the International Congress of Religious Liberals to be held at Berlin in the summer of 1910.

An interesting and important meeting was held on Monday morning, December 20, in commemoration of Forefathers' Day, in Pilgrim Hall, Congregational Building, Boston, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Convention of Congregational Ministers. It included in its joint invitation the Unitarian and Trinitarian ministers of Boston and vicinity, who crowded the hall in large numbers. The chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Arthur B. Little, pastor of a Congregational Church in Dorchester, Mass., one of the most prominent ministers of the Congregational body in this country. Prayer was offered by the Rev. S. C. Beane, President of the American Unitarian Association. Dr. Eliot's address was largely concerned with the spiritual history and ideals of the New England Pilgrims which the anniversary commemorated. His paper was a very fine one, and brought forth loud and continued applause from his auditors. The second speaker was Prof. G. Williston Walker, Professor of Ecclesiastical History at the Yale College Theological Seminary. Dr. Walker, who was also received with great applause, gave a fine and spirited paper on "The Ideals of the Forefathers." It was a still more radical utterance than that of Dr. Eliot, and plead for the largest liberality of sentiment. Nothing could have been finer than his vindication of spiritual freedom and his plea for loyalty to the latest developments of the religious spirit. The last speaker was Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon of Boston, who in an interesting address set before the audience the ideals of a fellowship based not on a creed, which he characterized as a pitiful basis for religious unity, but a fellowship founded on holiness of character and life, a devotion to the spirit rather than to the letter of religion.

The occasion was very significant, and may be considered one of the landmarks of that closer union between these long separated branches of the Congregational church which the development of truth and tolerance has made possible in our day.

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The Executive Board turns the leaf and begins the year 1910 with satisfaction. In the past the Alliance has accomplished a great deal in the way of concentrating and stimulating the work of Unitarian women and may well have most hopeful expectations for the future.

It will be the special purpose of the Board for the coming year to strengthen the work already done, by maintaining close and cordial relations with the branches and by securing new branches in places where the women have not yet been ready to join the larger body. The branches too, will steadily and strongly maintain relations with the Board, holding regular meetings and having all records and reports systematically and thoroughly kept up. Once each year each Director is expected to give an account of the branches in her section. On page 14 of the Manual will be found the months when such reports are to be given, but if every secretary sends monthly to her director, the material will all be ready for use and much unnecessary correspondence will be avoided.

Plans are now being made to send can have time and strength to answer all the calls. Branches in these sections can do much to facilitate the arrangement of meetings that each may be advantageously planned.

Twenty-five members were present at the meeting of the Executive Board on December 10th, coming from New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

Mrs. Harwood announced a new branch formed in Ashby, Mass. Mrs. Marion B. Taylor, secretary. A branch has also been organized at San Bernardino, California, secretary Mrs. George T. Brooks, R. F. D. 2.

The resignation of Mrs. Tyler of Massachusetts and Mrs. Presson of California as Directors was accepted with more than the usual regret, being a loss to the Board and an interruption to the work.

The Corresponding Secretary reported visits to Wellesley Hills and Roslindale, Massachusetts and to Keene, New Hampshire. Everywhere great interest was expressed in the missionary work of the Alliance which always increases as branches learn more of the results

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The Cheerful Letter Committee has held an enthusiastic meeting and the various lines of work are progressing. Two libraries have been sent out and others are called for. The chairman reported meeting the branch at Attleboro, Mass., where close attention was given to her account of the work.

For the Post office Mission, Miss Slade reported a meeting of the workers in New York, at which Mrs. Loud of Montreal was present and much profitable discussion and explanation took place.

The chairman of the Committee on Appeals spoke of the grateful appreciation of the Waverley branch for the recommendation of the Board which is already resulting in gifts for the Parish House. The appeal for an automobile for use in open air preaching was read with attention. Several times the Alliance has been interested in a Van Mission, and the work described in the present appeal is the same that has been done by the ministers in the Southern Circuits who are employed by the Alliance. Mr. Gibson especially has pursued the same plan with noteworthy success. The Alliance modestly wishes that a horse and buggy could be secured for the south as readily as this automobile is sure to be.

The report of the Southern committee showed increasing activity in the seacoast circuits, both Mr. Cowan and Mr. Key being hard at work many others here and there. He is greatly interested in the lumber camp in Bolton and has furnished the Men's Club with the nucleus of a library. Another one is very greatly needed at a big camp "where nearly three hundred men are domiciled, some of them, both white and colored, having their wives and families with them." Mr. Cowan preaches often in brush shelters and vacant houses and is welcomed at Evangelical prayer meetings where the services are frequently turned over to him. The schools at Dix House and at Swansboro are of the utmost service to the communities where they are placed, working with the churches to benefit the people.

The Executive Board was glad to welcome Mr. Robinson of Richmond at this meeting. He wished to express thanks for himself and his people for the recommendations of the recent appeal for a parsonage and said many satisfactory things about conditions in Richmond.

The committee on College Girls had interesting letters to read from Northampton and elsewhere. At Lenox Ave., New York, a College Graduates' Circle will undertake similar work co-operating with the committee.

The monthly report of the clerk at headquarters showed more visitors than usual and many letters and parcels of literature sent away. Lending papers and books from the circu-

for reference and cannot be taken from the building without permission from the headquarters committee.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on January 14th, 1910 and reports will be expected from the Middle States and Canada.

The Life Members added from the Beachmont fund are Mrs. Elizabeth G. Shaw, Beachmont and Mrs. Euella D. Farrow, Winchester. The names of Mrs. Maria D. Newell, Arlington, Mrs. Mary B. Whiting, Newton, and Miss Mary B. Rogers, Boston, all of Massachusetts have been placed In Memoriam. The Mrs. Parmenter reported last month, should have been Mrs. Helen James Parmenter added to the list by her son Judge Parmenter of Arlington.

The mid-winter meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held in Channing Church, Newton, on Thursday, January 27, 1910. The subject is Personal Responsibility. In the morning there will be five minute papers upon the subject written by Alliance members. In the afternoon the speakers are to be Rev. Theodore Bacon, of Salem and Rev. Robert Leavens of Fitchburg. Between the sessions there will be a box luncheon.

At the last meeting of the executive members. The delegate should report the meeting to her branch."

"A letter from the western Vice-President which came a little late for last month gives a pleasant account of a visit to the branch at Milwaukee. She writes—"At three o'clock we went to the church for the Alliance meeting which was attended by about twenty-five members. The meeting was opened by a short selected reading and prayer by the pastor Mr. Greenman, followed by the Lord's Prayer in which all joined.

"The paragraph from Miss Low's circular letter asking for funds to send a national officer to the Pacific Coast met with hearty response the sum of five dollars being voted for this purpose.

"The branch is busy preparing for a Bazaar and has also been answering requests to help the sales in other branches.

"The business disposed of, I was given an opportunity to extend greetings from sister branches, also to read a brief paper on Alliance Aims and Methods which furnished points for discussion until time for adjournment.

"A cup of tea was served and a social half hour enabled me to meet the members and to make the acquaintance of our new Director for Wisconsin, Miss Potter, all of which

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York League was held on Dec. 3 at the Second Church, Brooklyn, with one hundred and twenty-five present.

The Religious News report by Mrs. Graves, drew attention among other items to the Congress of Religious Liberals to be held in Berlin, August, 1910, and to the plea for the salary of a German professor at Meadville.

Miss Orington told of the work of Lincoln Settlement started two years ago. There is a day nursery, a kindergarten, various classes and a neighborhood club. Members were earnestly urged to visit the Settlement.

Mr. B. F. Greenhut was the speaker of the day on the subject, "Welfare Work and Profit Sharing." The speaker said that business firms should do all possible to make good conditions in a commercial enterprise and to see that the work does not interfere with health. Mr. Dutton also spoke on points mentioned by Mr. Greenhut.

To Alliance branches we commend the little pamphlet lately received containing an address given in Tokyo by Rev. Clay MacCauley on "The Unitarian Mission to Japan." The specific information about the American Unitarian Association and about Unitarians generally which was intended for an audience of Japanese will be found enlightening and useful to most Alliance members. A other organizations spoken of the Alliance receives most appreciative mention.

The Vice-President for the Southern states says:

"The past year has been filled with loyal work by all our branches, and credit is probably due our small, weaker branches for more effort and loyalty than the larger ones that accomplish apparently more work. It is the small branch that has the hardest work to do always and we are so apt to forget this fact and feel greater credit is due the large branch because it has accomplished so much according to the reports. So let me ask that you remember the greater struggle, the greater burden and trial that lies behind the meagre report of an isolated small band of women working for the liberal cause in our Southern field.

"Of the twelve branches, Louisville and New Orleans at present are the largest, while Dallas promises soon to be as large and perhaps larger than New Orleans. A decided gain in new members seems to be reported from nearly all the branches this year."

The following extracts are taken from the reports due this month.

The branch at Louisville, Kentucky has worked steadily but each year the meetings close earlier in the summer and begin later in the autumn. The months of Oct. and Nov. are rushing ones with preparations for a fair, etc.

add one hundred and forty dollars to the fund. The year has been full of changes, some cheering, many depressing. We have at last been able to enlist to some extent the interest of our young people and a Junior Alliance has been formed which is doing good work. Delegates were sent to Southern Conference at Atlanta and to National Conference at Chicago. Sent seven dolls to other Alliances and gifts to Alliance sales. Have given to all the city charities usually helped and to three mountain schools.

The Fair, the industrial and social event of the year was very beautiful. It was called "Two Days in the Woods with Red and Pale faces." The large room was decorated with trees, ripened corn, fruits, pumpkins, gourds, etc. A smaller room opening into this by very wide doors was an Indian Camp with tents, the decoration Indian relics and articles made by Indians served by women and children dressed in full Indian costumes, some of them very rare and beautiful. A book table was supplied by a Boston firm with Unitarian literature, sold upon commission or at reduced rates.

A dear friend, Mr. A. G. Munn, who died in his 91st year, some four weeks ago, bequeathed to the Alliance, Five Hundred Dollars.

"We are in an unsettled condition at present for our minister has resigned and we are looking for his successor. We shall miss him but, how shall we do without his wife? The ideal minister's wife!"

The P. O. M. Committee has four members and has met every month excepting in summer. Literature is sent to seventy-six correspondents, and the church rack has been supplied with temperance and other tracts.

The little branch at Memphis met regu- One of the Memphis branch attended the National Conference at Chicago.

The branch at Dallas, Texas from January until June held a few food sales, did some repair work on the church and sent delegates to the Southern Conference at New Orleans, one of its members being President of the Southern Associate Alliance. The P. O. M. work has been carried on under a committee of six with very gratifying results. A sermon by Rev. Mr. Rowlett of Atlanta, a former Dallas man was printed by the Southern Conference and has been used with much satisfaction. Although the church felt the usual strain that comes with the change of pastors the branch has been more active than usual, and sixteen new members have been added. The young people have organized a club which meets every two weeks. They look forward to these meetings with much pleasure and the attendance is good. It is a satisfaction to find a branch strong enough to keep active during the time of a vacant pulpit, for this means so much to a church at such a time.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the branch reports that bi-monthly meetings are held, the first devoted to business followed by a literary and musical program, the second to a social tea. There are sixteen members and an average attendance of ten. The branch has purchased Hymnals for the church to pay for which, an experience luncheon was held, each one present contributing a dollar and telling in verse how she earned it. Ever since Sept. 1909 the Branch has been holding meetings regardless of no church, no minister and not much encouragement as to obtaining a minister at all? Nevertheless, with all these obstacles the branch has tried to hold together what is left of the church, in hopes of some day owning a church home of its own, and a minister who could help

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The New Orleans, La. branch has had a busy year for in addition to all of its regular work, it undertook the building of a new Parish House. This meant much anxious work, the raising of enough money to make first payments and also money on mortgage to meet the remainder of cost.

The building was finished and dedicated at the Southern Conference held in March 1909, which also, added much to the work and financial needs of the branch, as the entertaining of the Conference fell largely upon its shoulders. Much appreciation was felt of the generous response so speedily made by all the branches to the New Orleans' appeal for six hundred dollars and this branch is glad to feel that through this response its Parish House being thus shared in by all sections of the country is national.

The branch has a study class with unusually good attendance this year, with papers on current topics. The P. O. Mission is a very important part of the branch work, as through this it hopes to extend its liberal faith in this section of the South. A new idea in P. O. M. literature developed at the annual supper when a gentleman suggested that often a thing that cost a penny is appreciated more than if it had cost nothing, meaning that free literature to some people would mean merely an advertisement, but these same people would pay a small amount for the same sermons and then read and appreciate them; he suggested giving some sermons to a second hand book store; the latter would sell them perhaps for three for five cents, or a penny a piece and find people to buy them too. We gave him twenty-five sermons and in a week's time they had been sold. It is merely a test we were making; we will watch the results and report later.

The branch rejoices in the formation of a Laymen's League which hereafter will enter into and share much church work ready and willing to do every thing required of them. To carry on the work it has been necessary to give fairs, suppers, rummage sales, etc., and where a congregation is small and the women few, it means that each has had to give liberally of her time and strength. The branch has responded in a small way to all requests from sister branches, has given $5. to one of the hospitals, has made repairs on the parsonage, contributed to the running expenses of the church, to eight appeals of the National Alliance and given $50. towards minister's salary. Delightful visits were enjoyed during the year from Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Atherton, also Misses Hood and Stetson of Lynn, Mass. What with raising money, spending it, looking after the social life of the church, and reading Emerson the year has been filled with work and happiness.

At Watha, S. C., the Shelter Neck branch has been holding regular meetings, and is hoping to have a sale early in the spring. The membership has not increased during the past year but several come to the meetings who have not as yet become members. A visit from Mrs. Peterson was much enjoyed, and an account from her of the National Conference was of much interest to the branch. Appeals from the National Alliance were responded to.

The Charleston, S. C. branch has been actively at work holding regular meetings, contributing monthly to the Church Calendar, and the Church Communion Fund, and yearly to Southern Circuit Work, requests from other branches, to the Ice Mission of the city and also to a Christmas tree for poor children. In addition to the regular business the branch has been interested in a young man of their congregation who recently graduated from Harvard Divinity School and upon that occasion presented him with a loving cup. He is the Rev. C. Emile Aimar now preaching at Walpole, N. H.

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added nine new members and has been fortunate in having a pastor the past year who with his wife have done much to build up the society. Upon the members of the branch devolves all the work done by women for the church and the work of course is much the same from year to year. It consists in taking care of the building, decorations for all services, and entertainments, the music, and Sunday school work. They will have to be very industrious the coming year as they have promised $125. for ministers salary, and $50. towards raising the chapel and building beneath it, a room suitable for meetings and entertainments. Regular meetings have been held and the branch is full of hope and enthusiasm, feeling that now is its opportunity to push on with its work towards a larger success.

At Chattanooga, Tennessee the branch is alive and doing well and all seem happy and hopeful. There have been ten business meetings, six sewing meetings and many social occasions. Money has been given to the church and contributions to other branches. Three hundred tracts have been distributed by the P. O. Mission and cheering letters have been written to absent Alliance members.

The Jacksonville, Florida branch has had a busy year. "Still feeling ourselves somewhat new and realizing the need of funds our most important work seems to have been raising money to aid in the general work of the church." Various social occasions have been enjoyed, one being a reception to the state senator and his family on the eve of their departure for Washington. The branch has pledged itself to raise one hundred dollars for the current expenses of the church and to keep the grounds in order. A new feature has been adopted in opening the meetings by reading a hymn and giving a short sketch of the author's life and religious views. The tourists who often attend the

est has just reached us from the Pacific coast. The new branch at San Bernardino reports "The study of Unitarianism will probably take a great deal of our attention, but we shall have several committees and try to accomplish all the good we can." This branch is beginning well. At Redlands a successsul bazaar has been held called "The Seven Ages of Woman." Santa Ana has contributed to the minister's salary and among other gifts has sent ten dollars to the Pacific School for the Ministry. San Diego has forty members and is flourishing. At Los Angeles the Church and the Alliance are increasing in membership and attendance and the prospect for the coming year is very bright. All the branches in this section are expected to send a full report for the February meeting which will be received with pleasure.

The Alliance has always been interested in Rev. Stephen Peebles who from time to time has distributed much literature and is glad to learn of his success in Eugene, Oregon where he has been preaching since September. A new society is anticipated in Phoenix, Arizona, also which is a city of about twenty thousand. These will be additional centres for our Alliance officers to visit on the projected western trip.

A new religious periodical has been started in Denver, Colorado, edited by Dr. D. J. H. Ward and Rev. Wm. Thurston Brown. The subscription is one dollar and "Our effort is to furnish ammunition and helpful suggestion for thoroughgoing liberal religious people."

Amounts needed for Appeals:

Allegheny, Pa. $324.25

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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The Board of Directors

The fifth regular meeting of the board of directors of the national Young People's Religious Union was held in room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 7, 1909, at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. F. R. Sturtevant, one of the vice-presidents, presided, and the others present were Miss Cline, Messrs. Bates, Harwood, McMurdie, Schumacher, Shurtleff and the secretary. After routine business it was reported that a new union, the Young People's Association of Brighton, Mass., had joined the national Union. Twelve new life members were reported, making 136 in all.

The amount paid for life memberships is $1360. This is kept as an endowment, the interest only being used for the general purposes of the Union. At the last meeting of the directors the finance committee was requested to select a suitable form of permanent investment for the principal of this fund. At this meeting the report was made and accepted to use so much of it as was necessary to purchase a good bond; and nearly one thousand dollars has accordingly been paid for a bond of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

A special meeting of the board of directors was held on Tuesday, Dec. [illegible] at the same place. It was called and the secretary there were present Misses Burrage, Cline and Faxon and Messrs. Harwood, Lyon, Schumacher and Sturtevant. The field work was thoroughly discussed. Mr. Foote reported a trip that he has made since December 1 when he began his work, and outlined plans for two further trips that he will make before the first of May. This work is done in accordance with the plan of co-operation between the American Unitarian Association and the Young People's Religious Union. The Association has created the Department of Education and has made Mr. Foote the secretary of the department. The principal work of the secretary of the department of education is the field work of the Union and the supervision of the college town churches,—almost all of this being work for young people.

Mr. Foote spoke of the value to the minister of a college town church of being able to employ students to work among the students. As the national Union, at the annual meeting in May, voted to raise money this year for Urbana, the board voted to authorize Rev. Albert R. Vail, minister of our church in Urbana, to employ two student helpers for the remainder of the college year.

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The sale of articles from the fair still continues at the room at head-quarters, and contributions of money

sums are to come before the end of the month. It is safe to say that the total amount clear from the fair will be well over two thousand dollars.

Union Federation Meeting

On Saturday afternoon and evening, Dec. 11, a union meeting of all the federations was held in the vestry of the First Church, Boston. About seventy-five representatives of the different federations were present. Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie called the meeting to order and after welcoming the guests explained the general purpose of the gathering. The various federations were then called upon and a representative of each responded either by offering the greetings of his federation or presenting an outline of the work attempted or accomplished. All of these proved most interesting.

Rev. William W. Peck of Winchester, secretary of the department of the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, was then introduced and presented a most admirable address on the subject, "Social Justice — the Need of the Hour."

After partaking of a box lunch, the company adjourned to the church auditorium. A devotional service was led by Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Brighton. Then followed an excellent address by Rev. Bradley Gilman of Canton, who brought in many

Boston Federation

The semi-annual meeting of the Boston Federation for the year 1909-1910 was held Sunday, Nov. 28, at the Channing Church, Dorchester; the afternoon session convened at 4:30 with a devotional service conducted by the president.

Rev. F. Raymond Sturtevant extended a very cordial word of welcome speaking very interestingly of the old landmarks of Dorchester, including an old bronze tablet which marks the site of the First Church.

After routine business it was voted to continue the hospitality work another year.

A new union was reported,—the Young People's Association of Brighton,—that had expressed a wish to join. The president, on behalf of the Boston Federation, extended it a welcome through its representatives present.

The report of the Friendly Service Committee was a lengthy though an interesting one. Every member was urged to be a visitor to some family socially inferior, so that there might be two hundred people working instead of a committee of five. The aim of the committee has been to see something beautiful, do something beautiful, and learn something beautiful every day, and to pass that word along to each one we meet.

The president urged that the annual entertainment be made as

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a word to Suffolk. He made the point that three things constituted youth in a person, no matter what his age was,—initiative, enthusiasm, and optimism.

Mr. Myron E. Pierce spoke on the Boston, 1915, movement, his subject being "Its Progress," stating briefly that the fundamental principle of the movement was not to detail its accomplishments, but to work quietly and effectively for the progress of a better Boston. After this talk, it was moved that the Boston Federation take steps to have its name placed on file at the headquarters of the 1915 movement, to be ready to do anything that they might be called upon to do.

Mr. Bates asked for helpers for the Christmas work of the Friendly Service Committee for two nights around Chrismas time, and a general plea was extended for appropriations of money for that committee. $15.00 was appropriated from the treasury of the federation and several unions came forward and offered pledges.

Thanks were extended to Mr. Pierce and to all who participated in the afternoon meeting, after which the meeting adjourned, the Channing Church offering hospitality in the form of a supper. A social hour followed.

The evening session opened at 7:45 o'clock with a devotional service conducted by the president. During the evening the Young People's chorus of the Channing Church rendered several delightful selections. The roll call showed a total of 132 delegates.

ion for its hospitality, and Mr. Freeman for his message, the meeting closed with a benediction by Mr. Freeman.

HARRIET E. UNDERHILL,
Secretary.

Union-at-Large

With the year 1910 begins the second decade of the twentieth century,—the century of which every one is expecting so much. A clear-sighted search for truth, and a willingness to understand and appreciate the efforts of others who are seeking the same thing, mark all the undertakings of this age. The spirit of liberalism which has always inspired Unitarian thought and action has greatly helped to form this attitude. In order to keep up with the age we must not stand still thinking that our work is done; but must go on always, in the same direction, but farther. And it is the young people of the Unitarian Church who are responsible for its future standards.

To all the members of the Union-at-Large, a hearty New Year's greeting! May we all work together more strongly in the New Year for the advance of truth and liberalism!

MARGUERITE FELLOWS,
Chairman of the Union-at-Large.

Life Members

Our life membership list has been increased by three since the last issue of WORD AND WORK, making the total 138. The following are the recent additions:

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Real Progress

The work of a liberal church should be laid out on long lines, and its administrators and members should be ready to run with patience the race set before them. There is no short cut to worthy attainment. Short lines are for short things; things that abide are not quickly or easily achieved. The kingdom of God is not to be established abruptly or by revolutionary methods; it is slowly upbuilt by the courage, persistence, and self-sacrifice of patient generations. Often our efforts must prove for the present fruitless. Often our hopes will admit of denials. Often our labors will apparently be lost. We shall do well if we hold some strength in reserve. Too often we fail to sufficiently concentrate our powers, but waste them on superficial impulsive, intermittent endeavors.

Let us make sure that in our church life we blend new and old in just Reaching always for something before, let us hold securely to something behind. Let us speak the truth, but be equally anxious to speak the truth in love. An institution that stands simply for dissent is inevitably unfruitful. Protests are of transient value. Attraction is more potent than agitation or aggression. Let us deal in plain speech, but be sparing of invective; be tenacious of the real, but not eagerly belligerent. If men see that our religious life is something real,— a bulwark against evil, a stimulant of civic virtue, a harbinger of peace and happiness,— though they may not be convinced by our arguments, they will be won by our spirit and example.

I rejoice to believe that most Unitarian churches contain the elements which, with ordinary care, insure their progress and usefulness. They give evidence at once of stability and movement, of permanence and elasti-

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of new experiment. It is their happy privilege to conserve and still create.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. A. G. Singsen, minister of the Bell Street Chapel in Providence, R. I., died suddenly on January 15th. Rev. J. C. Mitchell has resigned at Boise, Idaho, to accept a call to Fort Collins, Colorado. Rev. W. D. Smith has resigned at Hamilton, Ontario. Rev. George Gilmour, formerly of the Parkside Church in Buffalo, has accepted a call to Dallas, Texas. Rev. C. A. Polson has accepted a call to Sheffield, Ill. Rev. Calvin Stebbins has resigned at Framingham, Mass.

Contributions

The Treasurer reports that since the last issue of WORD AND WORK sixteen more Societies appear to have completed their gifts for the national work. The record continues to be healthy and encouraging. Of these sixteen churches eight give more than last year, five give the same, and three give less. The tendency is evidently upward though not by leaps and bounds. Only three months remain in the financial year and the only anxiety about the financial situation is lest some Society may altogether neglect this important element in its work, or postpone action until the last few days when the canvas has to be hurried and incomplete. It is much to be desired that ministers, standing committees list is the South Congregational Church in Boston, which repeats its generous gift of last year, $1250. Substantial gains are reported from such reliable and generous givers as the societies in North Easton, Mass., Billerica, Mass., Fairhaven, Mass., and Portland, Oregon. Lexington, Mass., and Wilmington, Del., maintain the good record of former years.

One takes peculiar satisfaction in such a record as that of the little church in Augusta, Maine. In 1906 the contribution was $79, and then in succeeding years $100, $100, $111, and this year $115. Or take the record of the old parish in Newburyport for the last three years. In 1908 the contribution was $221, last year $242, and this year $250. It is from such signs as these that the Directors of the Association gather courage.

Missionary Journeys

On February 10th the Secretary of the Association starts on his long journey to the Pacific Coast and the Canadian northwest. His first appointment is at Denver, Col., and he will also have an opportunity to visit Pueblo, Col. Thence he goes south to meet new friends in the recently organized Society at Phoenix, Arizona, and then on to a meeting of the Southern Pacific Conference at San Bernardino on February 27th. For three weeks he will be visiting the churches on the Pacific Coast, giving most of his attention to the missionary posts and the churches that look to the Associa-

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ferring with the Field Secretary at Calgary, Alberta, with our Icelandic workers in Manitoba, and with the minister and trustees of the church in Winnipeg. He will get back to his desk about April 10th.

Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, Secretary of the Department of Education, will spend the first two weeks of the month in a journey of visitation in the middle west. His appointments are at Lafayette, Indiana, the seat of Purdue University, at Columbia, Mo., the seat of the University of Missouri, Lawrence, Kan., Lincoln, Neb., Vermillion and Brookings, South Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, the seat of the University of North Dakota, and Minneapolis, Minn. At four of these places, Lafayette, Columbia, Vermillion, and Grand Forks, there are important state educational institutions and no organized Unitarian movement. Mr. Foote intends to test the situation at these points and to discover what our obligations may be. During Mr. Foote's absence his pulpit will be supplied by Rev. F. R. Sturtevant of Dorchester, Mass.

Two Billings lecturers, Rev. H. T. Secrist, representing primarily the Sunday School interests, and Rev. H. H. Saunderson, representing the interests of the Young People's Religious Union, have just completed their journeys. Mr. Secrist's route and appointments covered Troy, Syracuse, Youngstown, Ohio, Pittsburg, Pa., and the neighboring cities. Mr. Secrist's Sundays were given to Louisville and Meadville, and Mr. Saunderson's to Wilmington, Youngstown, and Pittsburg.

The appointments of the President of the Association have taken him during the last four weeks into all six of the New England states and the province of Ontario. In February he goes to Washington to attend the meeting of the Board of Indian Commissioners, to which he has recently been appointed by President Taft.

Associate Members

This department of our work is steadily growing. From all parts of the country come the names of those who desire to enroll themselves as Unitarians and who are not so situated as to identify themselves with any particular local church.

In turn these members become interested in finding others who wish to be affiliated with our national organizations. They receive and distribute our pamphlets, keep in touch with our various enterprises and help towards meeting the expenses of our work. The letters we receive show how greatly this department is appreciated.

Associate members are not confined to those who are new to our

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to bring others into relations with our work. This department will take on new functions as time goes on and the Association will be glad to receive suggestions from those who are interested looking towards even more effective methods. There are many individuals who have, for a considerable length of time, been in correspondence with members of the Post Office Mission. In a number of instances Post Office Mission workers have sent out our explanatory leaflet to those whom they regard as interested Unitarians, and their names have been received by the Association and enrolled upon the list of Associate Members.

Publicity Department

On Monday evening January third, forty-seven laymen, representing the Unitarian churches in New Jersey, dined together at Kalil's restaurant in New York. After dinner, the Rev. Charles W. Casson, Secretary of the Publicity Department, gave an address upon "Modern Methods in Church Work." The meeting was most enthusiastic, the interest being manifested in a very practical way by the arrangement for a three weeks' open-air automobile campaign through New Jersey next summer, the free use of their automobiles being offered by men present. It was a splendid manifestation of the missionary spirit among the laymen that alone can transform our church.

As another result of the New Jersey

impressed with this method of declaring our Unitarian gospel and determined to adopt it in their local work.

Among his engagements for the last month, Mr. Casson spoke at the Universalist Conference of the Merrimack Valley in Haverhill on January fifth. The meeting indicated an excellent spirit of fellowship between the two branches of the liberal movement and a growing desire to work together in the declaration of the new evangelism.

The Secretary is sending out to all the ministers of our churches a circular letter, requesting that he be supplied with all church news. It is hoped that the ministers will respond to the appeal, in order that the needed publicity of the doings of our churches may become possible. These church items will be edited and sent to the Unitarian press, and those of wider interest sent to the press associations, in response to their request for such church news.

An attempt is being made, this month, to increase the subscription of the general edition of the *Unitarian Calendar*. It is hoped to make this a missionary medium, whereby large influence can be exerted. For twenty cents it is possible to send our message for a year to one interested. Already a number are working energetically to build up the circulation.

Lay Centers

Three Lay Centers have received charters since the last issue of WORD AND WORK. They are

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of other groups are considering the matter of organization and we hope to report them later. The Lay Center is well adapted to such places as are not sufficiently strong from the Unitarian stand-point to undertake the organization of churches, and yet where a few Unitarians can hold regular meetings and take part in our work. In some instances an attractive room is secured where our literature can be found and where liberal influences can be exerted in addition to the regular Sunday or week-day service.

Department of Social and Public Service

Under the direction of the Italian Committee work among the Italians of greater Boston is developing rapidly. The work is largely personal, and is an attempt to meet the pressing needs of individuals and families, sometimes by bringing them in touch with relief agencies like the hospital, the employment bureau, or the Associated Charities, and sometimes by giving advice and counsel, which is often quite as necessary. Note will be made of the work as it progresses.

Another number of the Social Service Bulletin has been published, making six in all:

1. The Social Welfare Work of Unitarian Churches — A report by

4. A Remedy for Industrial Warfare, by Charles W. Eliot.

5. Some Unsettled Questions about Child Labor, by Owen R. Lovejoy.

6. The Social Conscience and the Religious Life, by Francis G. Peabody.

Bulletins can be had for free distribution on application to the Department. There have been added to the Social Service Library: "The Spirit of Youth in the City Streets," Jane Addams, and "Women and the Trades," Elizabeth B. Butler.

The Secretary of the Department has kept appointments in the last month with the Alliances at North Easton, Newburyport, Norton, Second Church, Brookline, First Church in Boston, Chestnut Hill and Waltham, and has also lectured on "The Housing Problem and Town Planning," before the Needham Board of Trade. He has several engagements to lecture on this same subject before men's clubs in the near future.

The Library of the Meadville Theological School lacks the following issues or entire volumes of WORD AND WORK for completing its files:

Vol. I, Nos. 1, 2, 3.
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Every branch should pause in its work and give a few moments to the memory of Mrs. B. Ward Dix who died in Boston, January 6, 1910.

For ten years Mrs. Dix was President of the National Alliance and to her wise and sagacious counsels much of its growth and present efficiency is due. During those ten years Mrs. Dix presided at nearly every meeting of the Executive Board coming from New York to Boston each month at her own expense and travelling much to branches, Conferences and other gatherings. In fact she gave her whole mind and heart to the Alliance making it the paramount interest in her life.

The opportunities of the Alliance were early foreseen by her and with great judgment she shaped its policies and directed its activities.

She was largely instrumental in establishing the Alliance missionary work in the Southern circuits in which she became intensely interested. She selected the land for the first chapel at Shelter Neck and took part in the service of dedication. Dix House remains her memorial.

The generous self-sacrifice of Mrs.

A service in memory of Mrs. Dix will be held on Friday, February eleventh, at 2.30 o'clock in Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, to which all friends are invited.

The Executive Board held its monthly meeting on Jan. 14, 1910 with twenty three present from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Canada.

The usual routine business was transacted and a preliminary itinerary for the Pacific Coast trip considered and discussed.

Mrs. William G. Tracy, 620 James St., Syracuse, New York was declared elected as a director for that state.

The resignation of Miss Lucy Lowell from the P. O. Mission committee was accepted with great regret, her presence and judicious counsel having been of much value to the committee.

The name of Mrs. Sarah Fairfield Hamilton has been placed on the In Memoriam list.

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The report of the clerk showed

News from the southern circuits continue satisfactory with the exception of Mr. Gibson who is too ill to preach. The Sunday school at Shelter Neck received a Christmas gift of a dozen new copies of the Testament and Psalms from the Sunday school in Canton, Mass., through Miss Ellen H. Crehore. The schools at Shelter Neck and Swansboro had each an entertainment and Christmas tree through the kindness of friends.

No new appeal was presented but it is desirable that those now before the branches should receive attention. Richmond especially needs the amount hoped for before February 24th when a payment falls due.

Reports were received from the Middle States and Canada. At the next meeting on February 11th reports will be due from the Pacific Coast and New England *except* Massachusetts.

Greeting her branches, Mrs Forbes, Vice President for the Middle States says:

"In the year that we have just entered upon, let us earnestly try to keep our branches in close touch with all the movements for the uplift of the world that is possible to us, following out the declared object of the Alliance.

"The denominational life in all its phases, must be kept clearly before the people and their responsibility emphasized, lest the fellowship so necessary to the best and fullest growth of the denomination grow feeble and die. The practical side of the work must be carefully attended to also, and along the lines of social service in our by-laws as to the object of our existence, namely, 'to quicken the religious life of our Unitarian churches,' in other words, if we have no Christianity to apply we must perforce fail to be of service to God or his children. If all this seems hard and at times almost impossible under discouraging circumstances, we may remember a sentiment of a Christmas card of this year, 'When the Outlook is not good try the Uplook.'"

Of the three branches in N. Y. City the Lenox Avenue has the largest membership, 154, and very elaborate programs. Philanthropic and P. O. M. committees report splendid work. A Helping Hand Fund, is kept up, by private subscription, from which many appeals are answered and gifts sent to fairs. A circle has been formed of college graduates, which holds separate meetings, keeping in touch with Alliance work.

The Messiah branch with over 90 members, is enjoying a series of talks by Rev. John Haynes Holmes on: "Six Prophets of the Lord." It's P. O. M. extends into 20 States. It has five travelling libraries for ministers, all much called for. Twenty-five dollars was appropriated for Mrs. Davis' trip, special interest being taken in it, as she is a member of the branch.

All Souls with 98 members, devotes its meetings to readings by Rev. Thomas R. Slicer from the proof sheets, in advance of publication, of Emerson's Journal, through the courtesy of his son, Dr. Emerson. Later the class will alternate with one for the study of Browning. These classes are attended by many, not Unitarians, who have eventually come into the church and taken pews.

In Brooklyn the Samaritan Alliance heads the list with a membership of 95, holding business and sewing meetings, alternating every two weeks. Work is cut out and made for the annual fair, for the

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the members of the church at an informal dinner.

Second Church, Brooklyn, with 80 members, has papers mostly written by its own members, the subjects being suggested by a literary committee which meets once a month at Mrs. Chadwick's for readings. The beneficence committee takes care of the annual church sale, and the hospitality committee, at the last sale served tea and crackers for "friendship sake" alone, an unusual occurrence.

Unity Church, Brooklyn, 56 members are listening this winter to fine papers by the literature committee on Edw. Everett Hale, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Alfred Tennyson, George Meredith, Frederic Myers, William Ernest Henley, J. Henry Shorthouse. The formal opening of Unity House, adjoining the church was an occasion for great rejoicing, and a special program and collation was prepared. Friendly Aid, and Social Life, as well as P. O. M. and Cheerful Letter Committee are all active. The branch has given $500. annually, towards the Church Building Fund for the last five years, and also provides flowers for Sunday, and church decorations at Christmas and Easter. A new idea is being carried out successfully, that of bringing jellies, etc., to be sold to members after the meetings.

The Flatbush Branch of 61 members has papers written mostly by members. Its Ways and Means Committee have been energetic in working for a Dutch Supper, a fair, and a "Dollar Social." To quote the secretary; "The attendance at the meetings is good, the papers well prepared and enjoyable, and the social half hour with which the meeting concludes brings the members closer together."

The branch in Newburg has 52 members, with interesting meetings, having some one each meeting. There is a girl's club which devotes two evenings a month to embroidery, and two to cooking, all taught by members.

New Brighton, L. I., with 43 members holds its meetings regularly. Money raised in different ways, goes to Parish House Fund, Piano Fund for Sunday School and Church furnishings.

Yonkers, with 44 members, holds three monthly meetings, a sewing meeting, a business meeting, and at the third a speaker. Subjects have been: "Simplicity and Common Sense in the Art of Living," "Modern Service in a Medieval Cathedral," etc. The many committees are all active. P. O. Mission reports 225 tracts distributed from a drug store.

The little Flushing branch with its 19 members holds gatherings regularly, and a full hour is usually spent with the business followed by a short recess, and then reading aloud by one of the members. The Religious News, and Philanthropic News reports are especially interesting and call forth much favorable comment. The Alliance this year is contributing 25 cents to each appeal in WORD AND WORK. Meetings are always opened with the readings of a chapter from "Abba Father," by Pres. Hyde, of Bowdoin College.

Troy has begun its new year under very happy conditions and is planning for just as busy a year as the last, which seemed a banner year. A "Feast of Days" held just before Easter netted $108.32 which was used for putting in two large double windows in the ladies' parlor.

Many other activities have resulted in a comfortable income, which has been disbursed for keeping the church edifice in good order, and furnishing social opportunities, answering requests of sister

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report. This historical old church, modelled after King's Chapel, has a beautiful Unity Hall in colonial style. The church was incorporated in 1803 and in 1805 Rev. John Sherman, a grandson of Roger Sherman, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was called as the first minister. The Alliance this year has raised four hundred and eighty dollars, has sent $2. for southern circuit, a barrel of clothing to Tuskegee and articles to two fairs; has held a Harvest Festival which netted over $90.

Four hundred and seventy-seven dollars been have contributed toward church and hall expenses. Five dollars have been used for P. O. mission work. Mrs. Weatherly writes "I think we have a fine organization with many willing workers, and 1910 should be as prosperous as last year.

The Albany branch holds regular meetings the first Wednesday in each month from October to May. After the business it is the custom to have a talk on some interesting subject, and light refreshments at the close. Membership to date is about twenty-five, but will be increased before the year closes. Have had one entertainment the net proceeds of which were $14.25, and one supper which netted just $100. Have given $115 for the expenses of the church, $3 for flowers for the sick, and responded to appeals for church fairs, and also made a small contribution of money to Proctor Academy and for the building site of a church at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Schenectady is reported as active in all church work, harmonious and united in their object of paramount importance, that of having a church edifice suited to their needs.

The Rochester branch numbers about fifty members and holds fortnightly meetings. A Christmas sale netted $575. Twenty-five Thanksgiving baskets were sent to needy families. The Neighborhood Friendly of sixty little girls continues to meet Saturday mornings to receive instruction in sewing. Readings from selected books are a feature of each meeting, followed by discussion and tea.

Ithaca offers an attractive printed program with names and addresses of officers and members. Alternate literary and social meetings are held fortnightly, with a few moments devoted to Current Events. During July and August the church parlor was opened weekly as a rest room, with a member of the Alliance in attendance. A special effort has been made to reach the University students, and $35 given towards keeping the church open during the summer school, with gratifying results. Carriages were furnished and the sick taken for drives in August and September. In October a Sunshine Circle was formed. A young people's society has been organized in which Alliance members are working. Help has been given the district nurse and the Social Service League. Money has been raised by sales and Alliance dues. P. O. Mission work has not been done directly through the Alliance, but is effectively carried on by a committee appointed by the church trustees, and large numbers of sermons are distributed.

Last year the Gouverneur branch added to both interest and attendance by organizing a successful Study Class where the life and works of George Eliot, Margaret Fuller and other famous women are discussed. This year the same plan is pursued, taking as subjects present day men and women prominent in reform. Financially this branch has paid its own expenses and in some degree aided the church. P. O. Mission work was interrupted by the loss of the secretary, but is now going forward. This branch has nearly doubled its membership since 1901 when it was reorganized with fifteen members.

The Syracuse branch reports an unusually large average attendance. Papers have been read upon timely subjects such as "The Consumer's League," "The Jewish Settlement," "The Trade School," and

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fore, the total receipts being $818.80. Under the auspices of the Social Interests Committee various food sales, luncheons, and a supper in honor of Dr. Calthrop's eightieth birthday have been given. Each member of the Hospitality Committee has been assigned a section of the church in order that strangers after service may be sure of a welcome. A pledge has been given for $10 to be contributed annually for a period of five years toward the Southern Circuit work, and $185 has been set aside for an organ fund. The Cheerful Letter committee has ten members and works effectively. The P. O. Mission reports great activity. Sermons have been placed in hotel offices and in the railway station.

The Liberal Christian Guild of Jamestown issues an interesting printed program containing by-laws and constitution, and a membership and memorial list. A literary and a social meeting are held each month. Meetings held during mid-summer enable this branch to enjoy out-of-door meetings at the summer homes of members. Literary programs consist of the reading of sermons by eminent Unitarian preachers.

The Parkside (Buffalo) branch is now holding all day meetings and three new members have been added. A good number of useful articles have been made for local charitable institutions. At one meeting a talk was given upon Channing by Mr. Boynton. Social suppers are given to promote fellowship.

At the First Unitarian Church of Buffalo monthly literary meetings are held from November to May. Mr. Boynton's talks upon Channing filled out the year until the annual meeting in April. In November the Alliance meeting of the Middle States Conference took the place of the given for that work. A number of other appeals have been answered, the funds being provided by a cake sale at Easter and the membership fees. The P. O. Mission is active and is endeavoring to enlarge its scope.

At the Alliance Meeting of the Conference of the Middle States and Canada held in Buffalo in November eighteen branches responded to the roll-call with brief reports.

Rev. Elizabeth Padgham gave a suggestive and admirable paper upon "The Spiritual Side of Alliance work." She was followed by Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Harding, delegates from the New York League who spoke upon "Co-operation and Responsibility," and Miss Low closed the meeting with her inspiring word. As a result of the enthusiastic interest engendered by the Conference, the Syracuse branch has invited the near-by Alliances to a "Neighborhood Day" in March to discuss plans and purposes and increase acquaintance with one another.

Other fruits of the Conference are shown in the reports. One writes: "We must have brought back and imparted our enthusiasm, for at to-day's business meeting we had over forty—a large number for us, and such a good time."

Another: "I only wish we might all have been there. I feel it is really worth the effort we are making, and that we are indeed a part of a great body and a great work."

The New Jersey branches have advanced to another year of upward growth. Ridgewood still keeps its good courage. They are jubilant because the mortgage on the church was cleared off a year and a half before it was due, through the efforts of the Alliance. Now they are raising funds for

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Summit is still few in numbers but full of courage. As the minister opposes all sales, or entertainments to make money they spend their time sewing for charities of the town. They are considering the advisability of having a prepared and printed program for the meetings. They organized as national members.

Rutherford holds fortnightly meetings all the year round, in summer all day picnic meetings at members' homes. Held a reception for babies of the parish and their mothers. A Musical Tea, an Experience Party producing much mirth. A Butterfly sale and supper netted $279 and $250 is in the treasury toward a Parish House. Is now considering Hymns and Hymn Writers. Contributed to Southern Circuit work. Sends flowers in summer to a flower mission in N. Y. City, and plants or flowers to sick in parish. Sewing for children's ward of Passaic Hospital. A Junior Alliance is in a most flourishing condition.

Plainfield has held a most successful sale. At the regular meetings held at the homes, a miscellaneous program is enjoyed.

Orange holds regular monthly meetings. The Friendly committee collected $9 and 160 new garments for distribution among local charities. Annual fair in November netted over $300. The branch pays organist's salary of $150 and makes a substantial gift to the church. A Junior Alliance has been formed, doing good work. It serves refreshments to senior Alliance at regular meetings.

Hackensack's church door pulpit averages fifteen sermons a month taken from rack. The branch is continuing pledge for five years to Southern Circuit work. Had given $50 to Trustees, and is making some needed improvements in church furnishings. Responded with $1 to each appeal in December WORD AND WORK. Has for program "Religious Leaders" with good religious news reports and at alternate meetings addresses on "Social Conditions of the Times." The Christmas Bazaar brought in $155. Cheerful Letter Committee, and helps the home church. Has a fine program this year.

Passaic has 34 members and meets twice a month. Makes contributions to appeals, also a regular pledge for Southern Circuit work and helps the home church.

The New Jersey Associate Alliance has one general and two executive board meetings during the year, but is now, at the solicitation of some of the branches, considering the advisability of holding another general meeting in New Jersey.

At the January meeting of the New York League in the Lenox Avenue Church, an almost perfect tribute to Mrs. Dix was given by Mrs. Catlin. Miss Low also spoke and the League responded by a rising vote to the resolution of appreciation and sympathy proposed by Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Fisher A. Baker, in her report of Religious News, spoke of the new Unitarian movement on Washington Heights, New York City; of the broad liberalism in the recent utterances of Dr. George A. Gordon of Boston, and Dr. Philip Moxom of Springfield; and commented on President Taft's view of foreign missions as a great force for civilization.

The address of the morning on The Responsibility of Unitarian Churches toward Social Problems, was to have been given by Rev. Chas. E. St. John. In the illness of Mr. St. John, Rev. Merle St. C. Wright took his place on very brief notice, and gave a stimulating address emphasizing the responsibilities of Unitarian women and dwelling on their need of careful self-education in these directions.

Mrs. Jesse M. Smith told of the Day Home and School for Crippled Children, maintained largely by the Lenox Avenue Church. After the meeting a large party visited the school.

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The record of the Baltimore Branch is

from the Alliance treasury. The Post Office Mission Committee has included the supervision of the literature distributed from the racks at the rear of the church. The Cheerful Letter Committee shows most encouraging activity. The Program Committee, outlined a very attractive schedule, proposing literary, benevolent, and social entertainments, in addition to the regular business meetings. In response to Miss Low's letter, a sum was subscribed toward the expenses of a delegate to the Pacific Coast. A scholarly lecture by Rev. Mr. Pierce of Washington was much appreciated and enriched the treasury by a goodly sum. The Baltimore branch looks forward to future work with increased interest.

The branch at Washington, D. C., is much interested in the P. O. Mission and has appropriated $35 for use of committee. Many gifts for fairs have been sent away and a library is being collected for Ashdown, Arkansas. The program for the year is a miscellaneous one embracing thus far The Destiny of Man, The Juvenile Court, The Sabbath in Puritan New England and The Influence of Unitarianism on Philanthropy. The most engrossing work of the season has been a church sale for increasing the building fund. The sale was managed by a committee from the church and from the Alliance and was held in the New Willard Hotel. An entertainment of "stately and classic dances" paid the entire expenses of the sale with a large sum to be turned into the treasury. The profits of entertainment and sale were $1279.71 with receipts yet to come in.

The presence of Pres. Taft at the entertainment was very gratifying, and a contribution of flowers from the White House conservatories for the sale, was appreciated as a gracious evidence of his interest in its success.

Hereafter the Alliance will not be so entirely occupied with its own church branches and visited by Universalist, Baptist and Methodist friends. Cheerful letter work is done and a contribution sent for the Pacific Coast trip.

The First Church, Philadelphia, "the newest branch in the oldest church," with eighty-four members continues fine meetings. Beginning the season with a musical reception, other meetings have been filled with special talks and discussions.

Samuel Longfellow Guild of Germantown reports attendance good and feeling harmonious. Many practical matters and needs of the church are attended to and $5 has been sent for the Pacific Coast journey. Interesting talks have been given on civic questions including a bright historical account of the Pennsylvania Germans, the peculiar people who in many ways continue unchanged in this changing age.

The Spring Garden branch, Philadelphia pursues its way steadily and quietly. The material end ever looms up, but with this is felt the aim of social fellowship and spiritual uplift. A Christmas fair was most absorbing with a result of four hundred dollars.

At Franklin, Pa., the branch does not attempt literary work as this is cared for by other sections of church life. The P. O. Mission is active and the branch has lately undertaken the sale of Unitarian books with good result. Weekly sewing meetings and monthly socials are held.

Erie, Pa., has a splendid programme of lectures under the auspices of the branch. The attendance is good and the interest great.

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The large branch at Pittsburg, Pa., is helping others and caring for many local needs.

Parker, Channing and Emerson bound together are to be kept in the reference library as well as in the distributing section.

The Lancaster, Pa., reports a successful sale netting over $500, and various papers by members including one by Mrs. Shippen on Hymns and Hymn writers.

At Alleghany, Pa., the sixteen members are busy raising money for the furnishing of the new church just nearing completion. Sewing is done and a study class conducted by the minister.

The small branch of six plucky women in New Castle, Pa., is holding together and doing well. The director says "If in the big branches our women put the same energy and fire into their activities as do these lonely six what wonderful results we might have?" They are pledged to give $30 each year to church expenses and pay the pianist for Sunday services. Gifts to needy are made from time to time. "The things we *can* do we do cheerfully and without worrying."

The director for Canada says:—

In looking over the reports from the Canadian Branches I find much that is encouraging. They undoubtedly show much serious effort, self sacrifice and devotion to the faith we hold so dear and to the cause for which they were organized.

The old idea of church isolation is fading, and the spirit of fellowship is taking its place. The women of the denomination realize the importance of working together, thus gaining courage through the example of others and overcoming difficulties which at one time would have appeared insurmountable. Never have we had such opportunities of placing the message of our liberal faith before an enquiring public, let not our branches be slow to embrace it. It is not enough to keep well filled racks of literature in our church vestibules, each branch must seek some well devised means whereby it can

The Toronto branch held meetings through the summer and has an interesting programme for the coming months. The treasury received nearly $200 from a supper and a bazaar, and $100 has been put away for a new church. Various appropriations of money have been made among them $10 to the Winnipeg church.

The Ottawa branch reports larger attendance and much interest in a somewhat unusual list of subjects considered. The question "Should mistresses as well as maids be recommended?" caused much discussion. "Home making or housekeeping" and "Government annuities for women" were also topics. The P. O. Mission has widened its activities and much literature has been distributed. The Unitarian has been placed in the reading room of the Public Library. The branch has received many congratulations for being the first woman's organization in the city to petition the government for a pardon in the case of Mrs. James Robinson under sentence of death. This case was afterwards taken up by almost every woman's organization in Canada.

The Hamilton branch continues to work to raise the $200 pledged each year to the support of the church, and anything over that is usually devoted to church furnishings. An appeal was made to the branches in the Middle States Conference for handkerchiefs for a sale and thirty-five articles were received. "This was most gratifying for the articles sent were lovely," and eighty dollars were realized.

The report from the English speaking branch in Winnipeg is very encouraging, "Our first work was the holding of social evenings at homes of members, for we were strangers to one another and it was necessary to become acquainted. The hostess, on each occasion served sandwiches, cake and coffee, and during the evening a basket was passed around for contributions. Several times, when the weather was very cold, tea and coffee has been ser-

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ance: she was its organizer and its life, full of energy and always ready with suggestions, which we readily adopted; but we know that her strong religious personality is even more needed in Calgary just now in helping her husband, Rev. Frank W. Pratt, to start a Unitarian society there.

The Montreal branch with an average attendance of forty, sustains its annual subscriptions to Meadville students, the Southern circuits and The Christian Register. Has given $25 to the Winnipeg church, $5 towards the Pacific Coast trip and many minor sums in various directions, including $20 for the P. O. Mission. Two years and a half ago the branch agreed to pay $3600. for re-building the organ, and has already paid $2800. of that amount. An active P. O. Mission is increasing each year and a literary programme includes may topics of general interest.

Miss Low wishes to tell the branches how much she is enjoying her "Alliance Calendar," and to thank them one and all for their part in it. It has brought a new joy with each leaf which has been taken off and promises a daily pleasure during the whole year.

The British League of Unitarian Women is succeeding in forming branches and systematizing work along similar lines to the Alliance. American women are watching with deep interest the progress of the work in England and are gratified to know that their experience is of value. As time goes on there will

sonal service in any way I can be of use. 3. I will teach in the Sunday school if required. 4. I will make my church known to outsiders and endeavor to induce them to come to its services. 5. I will do all I can in the New Year to nourish my spiritual life by private prayer and public worship. 6. I will endeavor to live uprightly according to conscience and in the spirit of Christ. These words may well be repeated by every Alliance branch at the beginning of the year.

The importance of the General Election just held in England was deeply felt by the Free Churchmen, and a "Call to Prayer" was sent to liberal churches all over the country. The appeal for special prayer called attention to the momentous issues involved in the election and spoke of the crisis as essentially religious. The women of the English liberal churches very generally took an active interest in the political movements.

An exquisitely carved font cover has been given to the Sharnbrook church in England, in memory of Miss Edith Martineau, Dr. Martineau's youngest daughter. The carving is the work of a rural postman in the Highlands of Scotland, a member

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters; Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

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Miss GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary* Mr. O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Treasurer*

Directors' Meeting

The sixth regular meeting of the Executive Board of the National Young People's Religious Union for 1909–1910 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 11, 1910, at half past two o'clock.

President Saunderson presided and there were present: Miss Burrage, Miss Cline, Miss Everett, Miss Faxon, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Shurtleff and the secretary.

The report of the secretary was read and accepted, and the bills for the month were approved.

The president made a report of the state of the treasury, going carefully into detail as to ways and means; and speaking also of the Field Work in detail.

Mr. Saunderson leaves Jan. 12 on a three weeks' trip; while Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff is to start on another trip about the middle of February, an outline of which was presented. Rev. Henry W. Foote has already made one trip and will make another before the first of May.

VOTED: to approve the plans for

Union-at-Large

The Union-at-Large still pursues its work every month; and while not as large as a year ago, feels that it is accomplishing the purpose for which it was established.

The committee is anxious for friendly suggestions and will be glad of advice or additional names of young people away from home.

Some time ago renewal blanks were sent to all past members, in the hopes of keeping the membership an active, interested one. Those who have finished school or college may not care to renew their membership; but no doubt many have neglected to return their blanks, so have not made it clear to the committee that they wish to continue receiving the monthly pamphlets. It is not too late now. Those wishing the literature sent should see that their blanks are sent in at once.

Ministers and young people's societies should be constantly on the watch for the names of possible new members, sending the same to the chairman of the Union-at-Large Committee, Miss Marguerite Fellows.

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remembered that but three months remain before the books of the treasurer close for the year. We have said little about our needs this year, although they are fully as great, if not more so, than ever. The fair was a great help, to be sure: but it must be borne in mind that these proceeds have to be depended upon to assist very materially in defraying the expenses of the year when no fair is held. Then, too, like everything else, our expenses are ever on the increase. We cannot expect to grow and prosper without this natural consequence.

In sending contributions the needs of the National Union should be kept in mind first. After that the two special objects — the Field Secretary and Urbana, Ill. Special contributions might be taken for each one or the proceeds of certain entertainments be devoted to them. One of the federations has recently donated the proceeds of a play for one of these objects.

Urbana is a college-town church, presided over by a former officer of the National Union who is still one of our faithful workers. This work should interest us and certainly deserves our generous support. The work in college-town churches is extremely important and of far-reaching influence. Every Unitarian minister in such a church can relate many a tale of the young thinker who has had Unitarianism revealed to him during his university course.

The work of Rev. Henry W. Foote, ters will be in Room 11 of the Unitarian Building, Boston. Mr. Foote will be closely allied to young people and their work, and will be able to give much valuable advice and information as time goes on.

Field Work

We are doing much more Field Work than ever before. On Jan. 12 our president, Rev. Henry H. Saunderson, started on a three weeks' trip through Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, etc., visiting Philadelphia, Pa., Wilmington, Del., Washington, D. C., Morgantown, W. Va., Marietta, Ohio, Wheeling, W. Va., Youngstown, Ohio, Salem, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio, Pittsburg, Homestead, McKeesport, and Meadville, Pa. As a Billings lecturer for the American Unitarian Association, Mr. Saunderson will visit these churches and newer movements, speaking wherever possible as a representative of the National Union.

In the middle of February Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, one of our vice presidents, will visit churches and unions in Illinois and Iowa for a few weeks. Rev. Henry W. Foote has already made one trip in the interest of his new work and will undertake another before the first of May.

Life Memberships

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Never has there been a year when such great gains have been made in

many Unitarians who are wholly unaware of what the young people of the denomination are doing, but who would be glad to contribute the ten dollars necessary to become a Life Member, for the sake of helping along this work, provided the subject was once called to their attention. These the chairman, Miss Melvin, is desirous of reaching and interesting. Anyone wishing information on this subject should address Miss Edith Melvin, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

At the close of our fiscal year last May there was a membership of eighty four; at present the number is one hundred forty two. The six additions since last month are:

139. Mr. Abiel J. Abbott, Westford, Mass.
140. Mr. Harold S. Lyon, West Bridgewater, Mass.
141. Mrs. Shepherd Brooks, Boston, Mass.
142. Mrs. Davies Wilson, Cambridge, Mass.
143. Mrs. Robert D. Evans, Boston, Mass.
144. Mrs. David Hunt, Boston, Mass.

Temperance

It has been suggested that "temperance is a subject important enough

To members of our program committees and to all who desire helps for their meetings this suggestion of temperance may prove a timely one. The Unitarian Temperance Society publishes a large number of tracts and pamphlets on this subject and will be glad to confer with anyone interested.

Pilgrim Federation

The Pilgrim Federation, composed of the unions and young people's societies in and about Plymouth, have found it advisable to present a play during the course of each year. This is the third winter such a course has been pursued, those taking part being chosen from the different unions in the federation. The play was given in the various towns in the vicinity; and during the first two years the proceeds over and above the expenses were divided. This year the president proposed that the proceeds be presented to the National Union for the Field Secretary. This has accordingly been done, $51.07 having recently been received by the treasurer towards this object. "Down in Maine" was the play selected, being especially well received in Whitman, North Easton, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater, and Brockton. The cast has been invited

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Unitarian Temperance Society

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Annual Membership: $1.00 Life Membership: $25.00

What is Being Done

I. It distributes every year many thousand copies of free tracts on more than a score of topics; admirable in quality and varied in character. It is the only temperance society in the country that gives away its publications.

II. It aids by correspondence many persons far and wide, who are engaged in temperance work — local leaders, Alliance speakers, and students of the drink problem.

III. It furnishes, as far as possible, speakers for Alliance Branches, and for all kinds of temperance meetings.

IV. It has recently become a member of the Inter-Church Temperance Federation of America and maintains a department in its monthly organ, *The National Advocate*, one of the leading temperance papers of the land, in this way reaching thousands of readers.

V. Its president is active in news-

Requests

A. That ministers of our churches, superintendents of tract racks, and Post Office Mission workers make a larger use of our tracts.

B. That Branches of the Women's Alliance give at least one meeting a year to the subject of temperance.

C. That Sunday Schools have at least one temperance service every year at which some mention of the tracts, work, and needs of this Society shall be made. Its special Sunday School services have been and ought still to be widely used.

D. That the Young People's Religious Union include the subject of temperance in their annual programmes.

E. That ministers, churches, Sunday Schools, Alliances, and Unions help the Society financially by becoming at least annual members by the payment of *one dollar*. Some of these organizations might easily confer the honor of life membership

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This Association is not ashamed to stand for organized Liberalism in religion. It has outgrown provincialism, and is to-day thoroughly national in spirit and effect. It believes in organized effort, in disciplined advance, in co-operative action. Unitarians like to say that their faith is not a body of opinion but a method of forming and holding opinions. While recognizing the beauty of the Unitarian spirit, this Association believes also in a Unitarian body. A disembodied soul is not an adequate agent for the work of this world. We believe in liberty, and hold ourselves stoutly independent of all outward authority and dictation, but it is a law of liberty by which we are to be judged. We reject bonds, but must we not accept bounds? Must we not have more cohesion among ourselves if we are to give wider diffusion to our thought?

It is well to say that if we are well prepared for advance, with a noble tradition behind us, with an acquired momentum, with a well-tested policy of administration, with opportunities of service everywhere inviting us. What do we wait for? For that uprising of zeal and earnestness in our churches which will supply the essential elements of advance. There is an abundance of natural impatience among our members, but it is too often of that kind that mistakes restlessness for progress and the removal of our neighbor's landmarks for the enlargement of our own territory. It is of the kind that complains rather than works,—the kind that criticises but does not create.

Our ardor is of no value if it is simply an impatience, or if it is merely a slothful approval of the cause which the Association tries to serve. Ours must be a steady enthusiasm which cannot be baffled by

Ministerial Personals

Our fellowship is the poorer for the death during the last month of Rev. Reed Stuart, Rev. John C. Kimball and Rev. Victor J. Gilpin. No one of these gentlemen was in active charge of a church but Mr. Stuart and Mr. Kimball had long and honorable records in our ministry, while Mr. Gilpin was a recent graduate of Meadville, and lately in charge of the work at London, Ontario. Rev. Maxwell Savage formerly of Redlands, Cal., has accepted a call to the Church of the Messiah, Louisville, Ky. Rev. Austin S. Garver has resigned at the Second Parish in Worcester, Mass., after an honorable and fruitful ministry of twenty-five years in that parish. He has been elected Pastor Emeritus.

Contributions

Only seventeen churches appear to have completed their contributions for the national work during the last month. The record of the giving is singularly uniform and unvaried. Of these seventeen, seven gave a little more than last year, seven gave a little less, and three gave the same. The banner church is the First Parish in Cambridge, with its noble gift of $1,300. Close behind comes the First Parish of Milton with $916. A good gain appears in the gifts of the churches in Montpelier, Vt., Portland, Ore., Elizabeth, N. J., and Duxbury, Mass. The society at Bridgewater, The society in Grafton, has for years given from $10 to $20 a year; this year it doubles last year's gift of $20. The society in Chicopee trebles its little gift of $5 of last year, but that does not restore it to its old levels, for it used to give from $50 to $75 a year. It is to be hoped that the seven churches that gave less than last year will see that their record gets on to the right side of the column before the books close on April 30.

Journeys

The President of the Association is to go south this month. His appointments, beginning on March 4, are Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio, Louisville, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., where he is to attend the meeting of the Religious Education Association. Thence he goes to Chattanooga, Tenn., Atlanta, Ga., and Jacksonville Fla., where he is to meet with the Southern Conference. He expects to return to Boston by March 19. The Secretary of the Association is now on the Pacific Coast in pursuance of the itinerary published in the last number of WORD AND WORK. He expects to return on or about the 10th of April. The Secretary of the Publicity Department is now in Ohio holding, in co-operation with the Secretary of the Western Conference, a series of missionary meetings at Dayton, Ohio. He also has appointments at Allegheny, Pa., Wheeling, Fairmont and Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Marietta, Ohio. The Secretary of

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seat of the Ohio State University, and Danville, Ky., the seat of the new Danville Industrial Institute.

Publicity Department

The Unitarian Calendar continues to grow in favor with the churches. This month, editions were printed for the churches in Dallas, Texas, North Andover, Mass., and Detroit, Mich. Several other churches will probably come in next month. Frequent words of appreciation show that the Calendar is filling a real need and is doing excellent work in increasing the influence and interest of the churches taking it.

Under the direction of the Secretary, a successful Conference and Rally were held in Chelmsford, Mass., on February 16. During the afternoon, Mr. Casson conducted a round-table for Unitarian workers, those present taking active and interested part in the discussion of many problems. In the evening, Rev. George F. Pratt, of Dorchester, Rev. D. Roy Freeman, of Braintree, and the Secretary spoke on "The Unitarian Crusade." Requests have come from several of the societies represented, to have similar meetings held in their own churches.

In response to the offer made last month to receive, edit and publish news notes of the churches, many letters favoring the plan have been received and much church news sent in. The latter has been put in shape and sent on to the Unitarian papers.

ing," read at the National Conference of Charities. Miss Richmond is director of the Charity Organization Department of the Russell Sage Foundation, and has had a wide experience in dealing with needy families. This Bulletin should stimulate interest in this form of kindly service, and will be very helpful to those who are willing to undertake it.

On January 25 the Secretary of the Department lectured on the "Housing Problem" before the Men's Club of the First Church in Cambridge. In the discussion which followed, the interesting fact was brought out that a member of the club was already attacking the problem in a very practical way. He has purchased a block of twenty-eight houses which he is putting into thorough repair. He proposes to rent them at a rate which will return a fair interest on the money invested and at the same time be reasonable and just to the tenants. The management of the estate will be of the most approved type, kindly and sympathetic, with a view to the welfare of the tenants as well as to the interests of the owner. The Secretary of this Department would be glad to hear of other Unitarians who are trying to deal with the tenement house problem, either in this way or by erecting new buildings.

Within the month the Secretary has addressed the Alliances at Somerville, Watertown, Hyde Park, Taunton and West Somerville; also the Herford Club, and the Men's

of the People's Meeting held every Sunday evening in Cambridge.

Department of Foreign Relations

The party of American delegates to the Berlin Congress next summer is rapidly filling up, over 120 people having already enrolled themselves and paid the initiatory fee. There is room for a few more passengers but the prospects are that even these places will be filled within a week or two. Applications should, therefore, be made at once. *The Christian Register* and other papers have recently contained a forecast of the Congress, the programme of topics and speakers from various countries, etc. Everything promises an unusually interesting excursion and a Congress of great interest and influence upon the liberal mind of Europe. Applications should be sent to the secretary, Rev. Charles W. Wendte, 25 Beacon St., Boston, who will also furnish copies of the itinerary of travel and the forecast referred to. The time is fifty-two days; cost $375.00, which includes everything. There will also be in connection with it an excursion to Hungary to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Unitarianism in that country, together with a visit later to Venice, Florence and Milan, returning by way of the St. Gotthard Tunnel to Lucerne, Paris ahd Antwerp. This excursion takes two weeks longer and costs $100.00 more. In Florence it is intended to lay a wreath upon the grave of Theodore Parker, the and have prepared a circular of other European tours to be taken in connection with the Berlin Congress. A special conductor will be furnished every party of thirty persons, and special trains wherever possible.

Publication Department

The plan inaugurated last fall of exhibiting and selling the books of the Association to our church congregations through the cooperation of local representatives was supposed to be the first attempt of this kind that had been made, but to his amazement and satisfaction the Publication Agent received in December a letter from Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith with a postscript reading as follows: "I well remember seeing Miss Sallie Ellis selling books in the vestibule of the Cincinnati Unitarian Church. She was the pioneer in the work, and very successful."

With so excellent an example, and so satisfactory a precedent, it need not be a matter of surprise that the unfolding of the project to our ministers brought forth a gratifyingly large and cordial response, adjectives like "excellent" and "capital" actually occurring in over a majority of the responses received. Where doubt was expressed, it was not (except in two or three cases) concerning the propriety of the procedure but the uncertainty of response from the congregations. The undertaking was entered upon primarily, however, with the missionary purpose of giving the members of our churches

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were themselves "compelling" to the point of purchase.

So the project was put into execution to the extent of sending out 142 shipments to as many different churches, all the way from Maine to Texas and from Florida to the Pacific Coast. About 6500 books were included in these parcels, representing a total net value of approximately $3800. From reports already received it is evident that the sales will amount to $1500, nearly $1300 having already been paid in in cash, with twenty churches or more still to be heard from. Into circulation, therefore, have been put over 2500 books with the Unitarian imprint, and most of them of direct Unitarian significance.

This plan, moreover, is not one based upon a Christmas interest in books, although the shipments were made in the autumn,—for in most instances the books are to remain continuously on exhibition for examination and sale, those sold being replaced with duplicates and the exhibit supplemented by new volumes as issued. It is interesting to note that the small parishes have sold relatively more books than the larger, almost without exception,—a demonstration, is it not, of the practicability of this sort of effort to put books within reach of those who, without some special plan of this kind, could not possibly gain access to them? In many instances the ministers, and sometimes the officers or committees of Branch Alliances or other active

ings. Notices have been put in church calendars, and placards put up near the books. Sometimes the exhibit has been made in the parsonage if no vestibule, parish house, or other suitable place in connection with the church building that was available. Indeed, wherever co-operation has been extended it has been cordial and not infrequently enthusiastic.

It will not be out of place, without using names, to quote extracts from a few letters. From Illinois: "The scheme is capital and awakens a lot of interest." From Ohio: "The books are attracting more interest every Sunday. It is certainly an opportunity to make a selection which we did not enjoy before, and our people are beginning to appreciate it." From Montana: "I notice a greater interest in my sermons and in the church by those who have read the books. I am giving publicity to the books by quoting occasionally in my sermons from one of them, saying at the same time that the book may be found at the rear of the room on exhibition and sale. I have no fears as to the success of my work here if I can get the people to reading such books as the A. U. A. is turning out." From Iowa: "I am sure that all these orders have come as a result of seeing the books, and having them at hand; otherwise none of the books would have been purchased by people here." From South Dakota: "Your plan of placing our Unitarian books before our people strikes a responsive chord in my

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sured that a good work can be done along this line, and thus advance our cause." From a Southern state also comes the report that one of our ministers, in the true missionary and not in a commercial spirit, carries selections of his exhibit of A. U. A. books with him on his visits around his scattered parish, in order that his people (not the Department) may have the benefit of possessing our publications. From another city in Iowa: "Your plan interests me greatly. I have often wished, since coming out here, that the people could actually see our books, for I feel that many would be greatly interested in them. I believe this will prove a real missionary enterprise, and worth any minister's while." To that minister's satisfaction, his people responded to his own interest, and although our orders in previous years from various parts of the country show almost, or in fact, no call from that parish, the sales there as a result of the exhibition have been, with perhaps one or two exceptions, the largest so far reported.

How effective this plan would be if it could be so fully put into operation that whenever a new book was announced by the Publication Department it might be fully realized and appreciated that that book was already in the hands of the Department's local church representative for examination, and purchase if desired! The availability and consequent serviceability of the Department's books would be increased many fold. And with the books thus accessible throughout the denomination would be justified of mailing circulars and catalogues to all interested persons in every parish,—and to all persons who *might* show interest, that interest being far more likely of manifestation if the object of it were right at hand. Thus publicity concerning our denominational literature (done wholly from headquarters without expense to the local station) could be undertaken, in large or small degree, in nearly every parish in the denomination. This simple system, once fully in operation, would work effectively and well. To all such stations each new book would be sent in advance of formal announcement, and several hundred copies of all new books would surely find satisfied purchasers. Would not such an assured public (which would in turn appreciate the service rendered) immensely stimulate our publication work?

The outcome of the experiment of the last few months demonstrates the feasibility and practicability of this suggestion. In some parishes (where, for instance, it is now reported that the church membership does not belong to the reading class) the results at first might be slow and somewhat discouraging, but ought not these very communities to be the ones that should be most encouraged and stimulated to care for and enjoy the kind of books published by the Association? And does not the above record of positive accomplishment, gratifying as a whole, demonstrate that to a reasonable degree, with continued interest and co-operative endeavor on the part of the local re-

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It is pleasant to observe in the branch reports an increasing effort to appreciate and join in the specific work of the Alliance. Constant regrets are expressed that so much time and energy must be devoted to raising money and that so little can be done for the missionary and denominational work. The Alliance is a religious organization and its primary purpose is to quicken the religious life in the Unitarian churches. It is not an ethical or literary or a non-sectarian society; on the contrary it is denominational and the welfare of the denomination should be a foremost consideration. Besides making their own churches strong and helpful the branches are interested in all religious movements and in everything pertaining to our own Unitarian faith. Committees on Religious Intelligence multiply and the call for Study Class Leaflets show the increasing desire to give time and thought to the more important side of Alliance work.

The Executive Board held its monthly meeting on February 11, with twenty-three present from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey.

setts, the former taking the place of Mrs. Tyler resigned, the latter being an additional director for increase of numbers.

New branches have been formed at Bellingham, Washington, secretary, Mrs. S. R. Griffith, 1614 Larrabee Ave.; Wheeling, West Virginia, secretary, Mrs. J. A. Knesche, Edgewood; Dunkirk, New York, secretary, Mrs. B. E. Farnham, 70 West Fourth St.; Calgary, Canada, secretary, Mrs. E. P. Fletcher, 808 Fifth St., West; Washington Heights, New York, secretary, Mrs. F. T. Coldwell, 518 West 179th St. (Let each one have letters from the older branches.)

Mrs. Chandler Robbins and Miss Ellen C. Morse have been made Life Members by the branches and the names of Mrs. C. W. Clifford, Mrs. Ella J. Hill and Miss Marian Lord have been placed In Memoriam.

The resignation of Mrs. Staples, director for Vermont was accepted with reluctance and regret.

Mrs. Davis will start on the western trip about February 27 going first to Dallas and then to Pheonix. Branches have been generous in contributions and the journey can therefore be made in comfort and without haste.

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point. In January entertainments were given at Swansboro, Bear Creek, White Oak and Pink Hill, consisting of readings by Mr. Key and Mrs. Peterson, music in which Miss Johnson of the Emerton School was very helpful and stereopticon views. The people in each place came out in good numbers and made the entertainment a success financially as well as socially. The small admittance fee netted enough to pay for the insurance on the church properties and for a stove and lamps for the church at Bear Creek.

The new church at Pink Hill is very attractive with the green-bronze chandelier, pulpit standards and side brackets which the church at North Andover, Mass. gave, and with the excellent library which has been contributed by the Sunday schools at Syracuse, N. Y., Barre and Lancaster, Mass. Neat and substantial shelves have been placed across the rear end of the church and upon them have been arranged the books, twelve hundred and more, which now constitute the Public Library for the neighborhood. The people are much pleased and encouraged by these gifts from northern friends and are doing their best to raise money to pay off the small indebtedness which remains on the church.

Altogether the visit through the circuit showed that a broader and more tolerant spirit is growing and the future looks hopeful even though the progress must necessarily be and attend the Southern Conference soon to be held in Jacksonville.

Reports were received from the Pacific Coast and New England except Massachusetts, and the board adjourned to meet in the afternoon for the service in memory of Mrs. Dix.

At Bulfinch Place Church the audience was largely composed of old friends deeply interested in the exercises which were dignified and impressive. Miss Low presided and the music, arranged by Mr. F. O. Nash organist of the Jamaica Plain church consisted of hymns sung by his choir and a solo by Miss Hussey of New York. Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, pastor of the church, told of the early connection of Mrs. Dix with Bulfinch Place and with the Howard Sunday school. Addresses were made by both secretaries of the National Alliance and Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells added words of appreciation and respect. Rev. Samuel A. Eliot in the last address paid a touching tribute to the character and work of Mrs. Dix, speaking of her as he had known her in Brooklyn and in her summer home in Groton, and when together they had joined in the dedication of the chapel at Shelter Neck. Spontaneous words of affection and remembrance were spoken by several friends in the audience and the closing prayer of benediction was made by Rev. Mary L. Leggett.

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geles about $500; while other branches, not so strong, did equally well according to numbers. Those of San Diego and Eureka are both busily at work, hoping that in the coming year their new church home will at least be begun, and in all the churches are the women promoting pleasanter social conditions by suppers, entertainments aud social gatherings.

The women of the Berkeley church have issued a very attractive book—The Berkeley Year Book—written and illustrated by Berkeley people, and they have also compiled an artistic and attractive calendar for the year 1910. Of course there are other branches with literary features, also. The meeting for current events, or papers on specified subjects, is held monthly in many of the women's societies and this forms an important feature of church work. Not all women belong to women's clubs, and for those who do not these special meetings fill a real need. Philanthropic work is a feature of Alliance work if the society is not forced to expend every energy toward providing funds for the immediate church need."

The director for Califonia says:

"A born Unitarian cannot be a pessimist but most of us will own that some things about the conduct of our churches might be changed to advantage. For instance, a church owns property, conservatively estimated to be worth $40,000, with values constantly increasing. No taxes are paid, so no revenue is possible and this amount of money is tied up and being of no benefit for at least three fourths of the time and this too, when there are hundreds of lonely, heartsick women, many of them invalids, who need sympathy and friendship and companionship. But the women of the Alliances are tired out, toiling to raise funds to help pay church expenses and so have neither time nor strength nor funds to keep open house for even one day a month, for the stranger within the gates of this tourist land, who could be notified of such a day through the press and who of the money is a power for strengthening the organization, but one thing is detrimental and that is the mortgaging of resources not on hand, the promise of any alliance to earn any definite amount of money, in a given time, for church expenses, for then every effort must be turned in this one direction. The women of the Alliances should have time and means for meeting oftener, to talk over their work and become acquainted with each others' ideals, instead of continually toiling for church expenses, and I believe that they might do it, too, if they would *all protest at once*."

Los Angeles does a large work with its 78 members and eight committees. A P. O. Mission keeps the church rack filled with A. U. A. tracts and distributes literature in every way possible. Has placed the Pacific Unitarian in several libraries in Arizona and in El Paso, Texas. This branch contributes $10 monthly to the Maternity Cottage Association, has given $50 to the church trustees, $20 to the Conference fund and $35 to the Pacific School for the ministry.

At Pomona the church is inactive but the twelve members of the branch are meeting at each other's homes twice a month and having lunch "cafeteria style." Has paid $100 on church deficit, given $10 to Pacific School and $40 in benevolence.

An excellent report of the Redlands branch says "The interest of the members in the work of the Alliance is unabated and the same harmonious spirit that has always been a noticeable feature of it still prevails." The branch was much disturbed at the loss of the minister Mr. Savage, but are happy in his successor. The branch has contributed $3 towards Mrs. Davis's trip, $5 to San Francisco headquarters, promised $20 to the Pacific School and given largely towards the expense of music for Sunday service.

The Santa Ana branch is "made up of busy, earnest women standing ever ready and willing to further the good work of the liberal faith and to be of service to their fellowmen." Much philanthropic work is done.

does charitable sewing. Subscribes a certain amount each month to the church and has contributed to the Pacific School for the Ministry.

The Santa Barbara branch meets monthly, current events being considered with discussions mostly upon religious and sociological subjects. A young people's club has been formed and great interest has been roused at the expectation of Mrs. Davis's visit.

Plans have been drawn for an attractive building for the church in Fresno, California the land having been owned for five years. The Woman's Alliance has been reorganized and is now holding weekly meetings and planning to furnish the church when erected.

The branch at Woodlawn, California is also working for a church a lot of land having been purchased. Since the society was formed three years ago, services have been held in a hall.

At Spokane, Washington there is prospect of a new church building with parsonage and facilities for social work. The Alliance branch is in good condition.

Beginning with Maine, reports were read from New England.

Augusta is unsettled but promising for the future.

Brunswick without church or minister has a branch of twelve meeting once in three weeks and studying Great Hymns of our Faith.

Kennebunk is holding good meetings, answering appeals, contributing to fairs and to the fund for the Pacific Coast trip.

Saco branch has 36 members and holds evening meetings once a month to which the men of the church are invited and papers are read and discussed. The members are enthusiastic workers and are very helpful financially and socially.

Waterville branch is very much alive and doing all possible to raise money and with music, selections from the scriptures and the Lord's Prayer. There is only one church in the village which is Congregational so all attend and contribute to its support.

Farmington has earnest and willing workers though not a large branch. "Has no resident minister but Dr. Blanchard speaks words of courage and wisdom to us nearly every Sunday and we are gratified and thankful for them. Are all working hard for a May fair."

A full and able report from the Portland branch deserves much more space than can be given it here. The various committees in this well-planned organization are successfully following the prepared programme and progressing with energy and enthusiasm. The Young People's Guild has held a luncheon with remarkable success, and the annual fair of the branch was equally satisfactory. Contributions have been sent for the Pacific Coast trip, for national appeals and to Calhoun School; $30 given to Preble Chapel, $300 for organ fund and $600 for current expenses of the church. *Hibbert Journal* and *Christian Register* have been placed in the public library and copies subscribed for P. O. Mission use. The Study Class is using Dr. Crooker's Unitarian Church as a basis for papers and talks. The First Parish Church in Portland is unique for its architectural and historic interest. Memorial tablets placed on its walls within the past few years have enhanced its beauty and meaning. For six weeks last summer the church was open daily and one of the Alliance members was constantly in attendance. During that time 1006 visitors came to see the fine old meeting-house and 250 Unitarian sermons were taken from the rack at the door.

An interesting incident in the fortunes of this First Parish has been recently concluded. Having held its sessions in our parish house for the past two years, on February 1 the Supreme Court of Maine

of the Supreme Judicial Court expressed their high appreciation of the prompt and generous courtesy of the trustees and pastor of the First Parish Church in offering the use of their parish house to this Court," after the burning of the City Building in January, 1908.

Report of the director for Eastern Maine:

First, a word of recognition for the admirable service rendered by Mrs. Estes who was for so long the director for eastern Maine. Her interest never failed and her helpfulness was an inspiration. It is to be regretted that she felt unable to continue this work.

Ellsworth writes: "Asleep." "I see no other way than to count us out," which, of course, we cannot do, remembering the splendid past of the "incessant Alliance" which held more meetings annually than any other.

Presque Isle and Fort Fairfield are also pastorless. The former branch has but 12 members, but a sale and the annual opera house entertainment with other moneys enabled them to pay the Building Loan Fund $125 on the church debt. Fort Fairfield has maintained the membership of 22 and holds weekly meetings with some slight literary program. The P. O. Mission committee is "very faithful indeed." They are paying $100 annually to the American Unitarian Association on the church debt. Both these branches are hoping for a minister and better work another winter.

Eastport is steadily pursuing the even tenor of a well-ordered branch in a well-pastored Church. The annual fair brought in $350 and was made noteworthy by an Alliance Remembrance table. "It meant a lot of work," the secretary writes, "But I enjoyed it, especially the pleasant greetings that came with the articles from all [illegible] United States." The P. O. Mission meeting where current events are the condiment for Alliance staples.

Castine sends a program of meetings, with a variety of Study Class subjects chiefly concerning religion. They meet in their homes in the evening and it was a delightful surprise on Nov. 3 when the Director sailed down the river in such a down-pour as made the Penobscot look scarcely more wet than "the waters over the earth," that about 40 women came to the meeting altogether unmindful of the storm and carrying lanterns to outwit midnight darkness and scarce street lamps. They are a vital force in Castine in all good things. All their Committees work and they respond to all appeals—$2 for the Pacific Coast trip and a generous amount in various local and other charities besides "our usual bills connected with the parish."

Cape Rozier writes, "It may seem strange to Alliance members that our 7 members have not held a meeting since last spring, and yet *enjoyed* (note that word) a Fair in August whose proceeds were $78. To do evening work when each one had a house filled with summer boarders show that "where there's a will, there's a way." They have paid $50 to their minister, $67 for a cemetery lot and $10 for a road to the cemetery, repaired the church and still had time for cheerful letters.

Belfast across the Bay reports happily of 45, the largest membership of any year. They meet every other Thursday, respond to roll call with quotations, and follow business with Religious Intelligence. Their program is taking up religious sects. Christmas sale, $100. Voted to assist in purchase of new hynn books, $20 to appeals, $2 to Pacific Coast trip, Winnipeg $4. All Fair appeals answered and new branches greeted, a barrel sent to Tuskegee. A Committee teaches in a Saturday sewing class. "We have neither a Post Office Mission nor a Cheerful Letter department. The avenues to these activities do not yet open out to us, but with an increasing

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year with a series of splendid addresses on humanitarian subjects given by gentlemen who were experts, to a quiet study of other religions just by ourselves, and it is pleasant to be just by ourselves again. We feel that the work last year paid, first in itself and second by doing much to remove the accusation of " the coldness of Unitarians." A social hour following a good lecture, presided over by charming hostesses and warmed by tea, is irresistable! The P. O. Mission Committee has 28 correspondents, many of whom were added by a few small advertisements. The December Fair surprised all its workers by bringing in $745, $500 of which is set aside to add to the endowment fund of the Memorial Parlors (parish house). It is hoped to present the Memorial Parlors to the parish on March 25, 1918, when the Church here will be 100 years old, with an endowment adequate to ensure its never being a burden on the parish. The rest of the money will be used for repairs on the parlors and appeals. $5 has been sent for the Pacific Coast trip. The Benevolent Committee continues to sew for various charities.

Houlton seems to be the climax for Eastern Maine reports with, "our branch was never in more flourishing condition than in this present season." Instead of a fair they had a fair fund but the young ladies club of the Alliance is working for a sale in the spring. Sociability is fostered by Church suppers.

New Hampshire reports come next.

Andover sends a cheering account of well-attended meetings with programmes both varied and interesting. A successful fair in the fall netted a goodly sum to help in furnishing the beautiful new stone Church, which, it is hoped, will be ready for dedication in the spring. The prosperity of the church and school give an encouraging outlook.

There is less encouraging news from the branch at Bath, still its scattered but cord which came to them in the written words of cheer and encouragement from the branches there represented, were much appreciated. Why not make our neighborhood meetings a means of encouragement to the remote struggling branches by sending oftener a cheering message?

A visit to the Charlestown branch last April showed that the union of the old industrial organization of the society with the Alliance reported last year meant renewed interest and activity to both; and the reports show that new life has come into the Alliance work.

The branch at Lancaster has not been doing much active work this year. The regular church services which have been established ought to give the needed stimulus to Alliance work.

Littleton reports greater interest and more enthusiasm than ever before. The work of this branch includes the social functions of the church. The Alliance meetings are devoted to work, with sometimes a literary programme, and sometimes a talk on some subject of interest.

The branch at Franklin has had a good year, the Alliance meetings have had a full attendance and there is evidence of a growing interest in the real work for which the Alliance stands. In January was observed the thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the "Unity Association" and the tenth of its transformation into a branch of the National Alliance when "we pledged ourselves to renewed loyality to our faith."

Wilton always has an inspiring report of enterprising efforts in Alliance interests. The observance of the fifteenth anniversary of the formation of the Alliance was an occasion of real inspiration. Ten members of this branch attended the neighborhood meeting at Concord in November.

All of these branches felt it a privilege to contribute a day's greeting to the Friendship Calendar for Miss Low and deeply appreciate her greeting as it comes to each branch.

Laconia has the most encouraging report for several years. With a very efficient

McMillan on "With Peary in the Arctic" brought about forty-five dollars.

The branch at Portsmouth reports meetings with music and addresses and assistance given to various causes when called upon.

In Walpole the meetings have been made valuable by the study of Unitarianism, an address on Edward Everett Hale and other papers. The branch has bought a new carpet for the vestibule and paid the minister's salary for two months. Has a good Cheerful Letter Committee and sent $5 to Winnipeg.

Rochester keeps the branch active and interested in all ways, and distributes many tracts from the church door rack.

The large branch at Keene holds fortnightly meetings with good attendance, combining sewing with business and a programme. An active P. O. Mission distributes tracts at the church and in the railroad station. Have contributed to the Winnipeg church and to the Pacific Coast trip.

Exeter opened the season with a well attended neighborhood meeting and has held several other social functions. Has sent a barrel of useful things and $20 to Mrs. Peterson at Shelter Neck. Subscribes for The Christian Register for the Public Library.

The branch at Dover has had a quiet winter working to help pay current expenses.

The Concord branch meets each month with a good attendance and an interesting programme consisting of readings. In November a most successful neighborhood meeting was held, the number of guests being about eighty. Mrs. Davis gave one of her enthusiastic talks and Mrs. Tufts gave a thoughtful and helpful paper on "Life in Country Towns." The branch is still interested in the Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter and responds to all appeals from the National Alliance.

The branch at Cornish continues about the same the past year, but they were unable to hold their usual summer sale, thus making it impossible to accomplish all they would like to. They have paid one

The Francestown branch is increasing in interest and attendance. A little time at each meeting is devoted to something literary or musical. A five cent fee is collected at each meeting from members present. Cheerful Letter work has been started and a yearly contribution is sent to the Children's Mission and clothing to the Morgan Memorial and requests from other branches have been answered.

Lebanon sends a good report of its branch and church. Entertainments of a high order have been given, also a social and card party. On Feb. 22 a lecture will be given by Captain Robert A. Bartlett, commander of Peary's ship *Roosevelt*, under the management of the gentlemen of the society.

The Manchester branch meets twice each month with good attendance and a printed programme. They have taken up the study of Unitarian Beliefs alternating the meetings with one on Religious News. Early in the winter the branch gave a reception for the minister and his wife.

The Benevolent Circle of Nashua has had Rev. Mr. MacDougal of Franklin address them on the great help the Alliance branches have been to the Unitarian cause in the west, and also on Pres. Eliot's Religion of the Future. At other meetings selections from papers and books have been read.

The Peterboro branch has held no meeting since October. There are so few members, it is easier for them to meet together in warmer weather and during the summer months they try to keep in touch with Alliance work.

Connecticut reports as follows:

The Brooklyn branch with its scattered membership and the difficulty of Connecticut County roads has worked bravely and steadily through the year. Meetings have been rather irregular and time spent largely in preparing for the summer fair to the success of which many sister branches contributed. They are intending to help pay the expense of shingling the church

bers. They number fourteen and have met with a sad loss in the death of Mrs. Samuel B. Beardsley. The work has been largely sewing and the making of costumes for an entertainment given in the local Opera House which netted two hundred dollars. Two lectures have been given, and nine appeals for sales have been answered.

The Hartford branch has a membership of forty and an average attendance of twenty-five. Has a printed programme. Served lunch for teacher's convention and for holiday shoppers at Christmas time. Have subscribed for *The Unitarian* and *Hibbert Journal* for the reading room of the Public Library and find that they have both been appreciated. A plan for a ways and means committee is under consideration.

The New London branch has worked under great difficulties during the past year because of the lack of a church home or any suitable place in which to meet. Have one hundred and twenty-five dollars pledged toward the church expenses. Answered ten requests from sister branches, carried on the Post Office Mission successfully and have a new rack for literature in the vestibule of the church. "The moving into our beautiful new All Souls Church has gladdened our hearts, increased our enthusiasm and renewed our courage. We appreciate every day all the help we have received from all sources, for our House Beautiful and hope great things for the future of All Souls and the New London branch."

The director for Rhode Island prefaced her report by regrets for the disbanding of the branch at Westerly. By deaths and removals the branch was reduced to three members who decided not to struggle any longer.

The branch at Newport meets twice each month discussing church and social questions. Good P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter committees. Given $15 to Church

Crosby of Brown University brought over one hundred dollars.

The branch at the First Church, Providence is in the midst of a most successful season with 167 members including eight life members. Business meetings are followed by luncheon and afternoon meetings with speakers end with tea and a social hour. Most interesting speakers have been heard on a variety of subjects. Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter doing excellent work. Through the influence of the branch a social service committee has been formed in the church, 97 of the people being connected with the philanthropic societies of the city.

At the Westminster Church, Providence, the branch has held successful all day meetings. The literary programme for the winter is "New England in the olden days, a study from the story books." A Thanksgiving sale and a Dickens tea party were given by the Alliance and the Woodbury club together. All requests for fairs have been responded to and Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter doing good work.

At Olney St. the branch holds meetings throughout the year, the July meeting being an all day picnic. Something interesting is read at each meeting.

The midwinter meeting of the New England Associate Alliance was held at Channing Church, Newton, and was a large and really rousing meeting with 463 delegates from 91 branches. The subject "Personal Responsibility" was presented by five different members in five minute papers and from five different points of view as a result in each case of personal experience. The following resolution was passed:—"That the delegates pledge themselves to re-

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The New York League entertained the Metropolitan Universalist Alliance at its February meeting in the Church of the Savior, Brooklyn, the Samaritan Alliance serving luncheon to the entire company of three hundred and fifty. A religious news report referred particularly to the Layman's Missionary movement and the new churches which have joined the Unitarian body. A history of Willow Place Chapel was given from its beginning as a Sunday school in one room to the present greatly enlarged activities. The address of the day was by Rev. John Howard Melish, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn on "The Civic Revival." A collection of $45 was taken for Meadville; $30 has been pledged by the League as an annual contribution for the next five years for the German professorship at Meadville.

It is now noticeable that there is no Unitarian church in the Middle States without an Alliance branch.

The secretary of the Icelandic branch at Winnipeg is now Mrs. S. E. Arnason, 577 Sherbrooke St. The secretary at Wilmington, Delaware is Miss Mary D. Sisson, 501 West 5th St. The secretary at Lebanon, N. H. is Mrs. Ellen F. Smith, 64 Bank St.

The Woman's Alliance of the to meet with us the last of February. In March we intend to hold a bazaar in the church parlor and fancy articles will be very acceptable. Now that we are launched we are in hopes to become a strong factor in the chain of Alliances and begin to do our part for others.

The *Boston Evening Transcript* contains the following items.

A remarkable development of Unitarian work is taking place in a wide region of which Pittsburg is the centre, comprising western Pennsylania, eastern Ohio and the northwestern part of West Virginia. When the present minister of the First Unitarian Church of Pittsburg, Dr. L. W. Mason, began his pastorate, less than ten years ago, his nearest neighboring Unitarian Church was Meadville, Pa., a four hours' journey. During his pastorate nine new Unitarian societies have been organized in or near Pittsburg: Wheeling and Morgantown in West Virginia, Homestead, McKeesport, Allegheny, New Castle and Franklin in Pennsylvania; Salem and Youngstown in Ohio.

Last Sunday, the Allegheny (Pittsburg) society dedicated its new church building, a beautiful stone structure. The churches in this notable group find a special opportunity in the men of scientific turn of mind in connection with the industrial development of the great steel

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Mr. Lloyd-George, the great English Liberal and Chancellor of the Exchequer, the foremost figure in the present political crisis, is the son of a Unitarian schoolmaster. Six of the prominent members of the new Parliament are also Unitarians.

The many Unitarians who have heard the Rev. John Page Hopps at Little Portland, St. Chapel in London will be interested to know of his new monthly paper, "The Coming Day" for "the advocacy of the religion of humanity."

As showing the marked change in feeling in England regarding Unitarianism the story of the little church at Cirencister is of interest. This Unitarian church is of Presbyterian foundation and from 1866 its struggle for existence was at times almost hopeless, for the movement raised great excitement and opposition in the town, but during the past years families have gathered in the old chapel and made it their religious home. The teaching has been distinct Unitarianism of an advanced and liberal type. Lectures and Sunday services have been held in many of the towns and villages within a radius of 20 miles. Nineteen years ago the edifice was rebuilt, and reopened by the Rev. J. Estlin Carpenter, D.D., of Oxford. Nothing will more show the marked change which has come over all classes of the people than the story of a tract, which Mr. Austin brought out in

day the *Hibbert Journal* is in the Public Library, and the *Inquirer* and *Christian Life* lie on the reading room tables with other papers.

To Post-office Mission Committees:

A new series of publications has been added to the free list of the American Unitarian Association this year, these are the Bulletins of the Department of Social and Public Service already six in number. It is important that the members of our own societies especially the men become familiar with these publications in order that they may understand more clearly the work of "Community building" in which our churches are coöperating.

Therefore it is heartily recommended that our committees circulate these Bulletins among the parishoners of our own churches.

Many P. O. M. committees have not yet sent to Alliance headquarters the list of their correspondents for this year.

The use of this list in showing the location of isolated Unitarians is an important part of our Missionary work and we hope our committees will enable us to keep it up to date.

MABEL DELANO LORD,
Chairman Nat. P. O. M. Com.

Amounts now needed for the Appeals:

Allegheny, Pa. - -	$226.25
Richmond, Va. - -	45.75
Bellingham, Wash. -	33.50

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Directors' Meeting

The seventh regular meeting of the Executive Board of the National Young People's Religious Union for 1909–1910 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 8, 1910, at half-past two o'clock.

President Saunderson presided and there were present: Miss Burrage, Miss Cline, Miss Stimson, Mr. Harwood, Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Shurtleff, and the secretary.

The secretary's report of the minutes of the last meeting, the treasurer's monthly report, and the month's bills were approved. The secretary reported the additions to the life membership list, and the final proceeds of the fair.

The president and secretary were appointed a committee on the annual meeting in May. The plan of sending out a letter to the Unions calling attention to the annual contribution was referred to the president, secretary, and the members of the finance committee.

After the routine business the

Life Memberships

It is a source of great satisfaction that the membership list is growing so rapidly. Miss Melvin has continued her effective work since the fair in the autumn, and the growth of the list continues. Early in the autumn we had 85 life members. After the fair the number had increased to 136. It has now gone up to 150. Of these new members nearly sixty were secured by Miss Melvin. This gain since early in the autumn has added $650.00 to our endownment fund, besides the memorial fund which came into existence at the time of the fair.

Since last reported in WORD AND WORK the following names have been added to the Life Membership list.

145. Mrs. R. H. Stevenson, Boston, Mass.
146. Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, East Boston, Mass.
147. Mrs. David P. Kimball, Boston, Mass.
148. Miss Harriet Otis Cruft, Boston, Mass.
149. Mrs. David B. Flint, Boston, Mass.

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tions, promised at the time of the fair, have been added to the proceeds of the supplementary sale, and the total cleared is well above the two thousand dollars that was hoped for by the optimistic. The total is $2,025.00 the largest amount that has yet been raised at one of our fairs.

The Field Work

Take a map of the United States. Observe the splendid extent of our country. When we speak of the field work of the Union remember that the United States and Canada are *our field.* Trace a journey from Boston to Philadelphia, Wilmington and Washington; then westward across the Allegheny mountains through West Virginia to the Ohio river; then to northern Ohio; then to Cincinnati in the south western corner of Ohio; then to Pittsburg; then to Meadville in the northwest part of Pennsylvania, and then to Boston. This is the trip of about a month which our president, Mr. Saunderson, has made, in the course of which he made twenty-two addresses.

Now go westward on the map to Chicago and observe the territory through which one of our vice-presidents, Mr. Shurtleff of East Boston, Mass., is making a trip of about a month: northern Illinois, through in southern Michigan, southward through Indiana, westward through Missouri, through Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and return to Ann Arbor. This is a trip which has just been made by Mr. Foote, another of our vice-presidents and the new secretary of the Department of Education of the American Unitarian Association. Mr. Foote made a trip early in the winter eastward to Boston and is to make another trip into the south in spring.

Meantime Mr. Ives of Andover, New Hampshire is doing field work in that state. The field work this year is much more extensive than ever before. A trip is being outlined for the early autumn to extend to the Pacific coast. Thus, it will be observed, within a twelve-month our field work will touch New England, the Middle States, the Western States, the South, the Pacific States. Canada was visited last winter by our president. This comprehensive plan for our field work is to be greatly increased the coming year, as, after the first of May, Mr. Foote will give up the church in Ann Arbor and devote all his time to the work of his new position.

The Annual Contributions

A letter has been prepared by the finance committee of the national

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unions. The finance committee requests that the contributions be increased from $700 last year's mark, to $1,100 this year. One hundred dollars is promised to the minister of the church in Urbana and the thousand dollars will be divided between field work and the general expenses of the national union.

New Unions

PITTSBURGH, PENN. The young people of this church are well organized and are carrying on an efficient work. The membership is drawn from a wide territory, Pittsburgh and surrounding cities. Suppers are held and much is done to interest the young people in the church. On the occasion of the recent visit of Rev. H. H. Saunderson, the society voted to join the National Young People's Religious Union.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS. The Unitarian girls of Smith College have organized as "The Smith College Unitarian Club," and have joined the national Union. Rev. Henry Goodwin Smith, recently minister of the Church of Our Father, Ottawa, Canada, is the new minister of the Unitarian church in Northampton and is interesting the students in Unitarian thought and work.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS. The young people have organized as "The Channing League." The new Union has 36 members and holds meetings every Sunday evening.

HYDE PARK, MASS. Though this They hold a vesper service at 5 o'clock every Sunday evening, and will take up work for their church, the denomination and their city.

CINCINNATI, OHIO. Besides the Unitarian church in Cincinnati there is a large liberal church among the German people, St. John's Church. The young people's society, and a large audience of the congregation, were addressed by Rev. H. H. Saunderson when he visited Cincinnati the latter part of January. Though their church is an independent church, the young people's society, at this meeting, voted unanimously to enter the fellowship of the national Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian denomination, and the society was welcomed by the president. Two hundred and fifty copies of *Jubilate Deo* as well as other Unitarian publications are used in this church.

BERLIN, MASS. The young people of this church are organized in a Union and have joined the national Union. The Union has 25 members and is doing good work. Meetings are held on the fourth Sunday of each month. There is excellent interest in the organization and its work.

Union Notes

BERKELEY, CAL. "In addition to our regular meetings several undertakings have been successfully carried through by our club. Last October a farce was very ably presented by members of the Channing

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exhibited articles made by the girls of our organization at their regular weekly sewing bee. The proceeds from the table amounted to nearly one hundred dollars. Last week a dinner, followed by an informal dance, was given by our club to all members and friends of our church. The affair was a very enjoyable one and added forty dollars to our treasury."

QUINCY, MASS. "The meetings are held every fortnight. After the usual opening exercises, special music, vocal or instrumental, is contributed by members of the Union, following which the speaker is introduced. The meetings close with prayer and hymns. If a business meeting is called, it is held directly after the regular meeting."

TROY, N. Y. "Our meetings this season have taken the form of entertainment after the suppers of the Woman's Alliance."

CLEVELAND, OHIO. "We meet every second Friday evening in the month. First we have our meeting and one of the young people prepares a paper; after it has been discussed and questions have been asked we have a little business meeting and then we devote the remainder of the evening to games and a good time."

Union-at-Large

in Hungary the anniversary will be celebrated by a gathering of Unitarians from all countries. A short history of the Unitarian movement in Hungary will be sent out this month to the members of the Union-at-Large, in order that we may all understand and appreciate how much Hungary has done for liberal thought.

Many of us in this country do not perhaps realize that our acceptance of the principles of Unitarianism is late and very easy compared with the early Hungarian belief. The story of their courage and loyalty in face of persecution must make us prize more dearly what we have sometimes held lightly. The members of the Union-at-Large — scattered as they are — have a peculiarly good opportunity for demonstrating to many people the value of Unitarian doctrine, by that means which the Hungarian Unitarians have always used, namely, the effect it has on their own lives. Let us thus try to justify our possession of this very precious heritage by the use we make of it.

MARGUERITE FELLOWS,
Chairman of the Union-at-Large.

Entertainment in Boston

The Boston Federation will hold an entertainment on the evening of March 12 in Huntington Chambers, 30 Huntington Avenue, Boston. The

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As the financial year draws to its close the officers of the Association would neglect their duty did they not make acknowledgment of the generous and self-forgetting helpfulness of many friends. They have experienced too much of this gracious helpfulness to ever permit themselves to fall into the common habit of accusing Unitarians of indifference or of selfish apathy. The more intimately one becomes acquainted with the sources from which the Association draws its life, the more one realizes the depth of the love which many people bear toward the cause which the Association seeks to represent. The gifts to the Association come from individuals in many walks of life, who, led partly by inherited habit, partly by obedience to the judgment or urgency of their ministers, partly by loving honor to those they have held dear, partly by the intensity of their own convictions, are ready to make real sacrifices for this cause. It is true that some of our people really they are only lazy. It is true that there are some who mistake the real nature of toleration, and, accordingly, allow their own organizations to languish, while they give lavishly to alien and perhaps hostile institutions. But one may venture to believe that the number of Unitarians who recognize that their inheritance or their achievement of religious liberty is a precious trust is constantly growing. More and more our people are being roused from self-indulgent ease and from spiritual apathy, and are coming to realize that this cause demands an unreserved and unresting devotion.

Ministerial Personals

Rev. S. C. Weatherly has resigned at Trenton, N. Y., to accept a call to Rockland, Mass. Rev. W. D. Wilkie has resigned at Whitman, Mass., to accept a call to Athol, Mass. Rev. L. C. Dethlefs has resigned at Walpole, Mass., to accept a call to Hyde Park, Mass. Rev.

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ing, W. Va. Rev. J. A. Gray, recently of the Congregational Fellowship, has taken charge of the work at Jackson, Mich.

Buildings. Three new Societies in California are hoping to build in the coming summer. Well situated lots have been bought at Fresno, Eureka, and Woodland, and adequate designs for the church buildings have been approved. The new Society in Eugene, Oregon, hopes to purchase land this summer with a view of building as soon as its development permits. The Society in Winnipeg is still endeavoring to raise funds for the purchase of its needed lot. Real estate is very high in Winnipeg and a large sum of money is involved. The Society in Morgantown, West Virginia, has completed the purchase of its lot and will soon have plans prepared for the greatly needed building. In the East a Parish House has just been completed at Brewster, Mass., and plans have been adopted for new churches at West Somerville, Mass., and Potter Place, N. H. The new churches at Lynn, Mass. and Andover, N. H., and the Parish House at Waverly, Mass. are well advanced. Movements towards new church buildings are being forwarded at Duluth, Minn., Dalbo, Minn. and Indianapolis, Ind.

Contributions We have reached the last month of the fiscal year and the time when church will delay too late, or neglect this important matter, so as to lose its membership in the national Association. The contributions must be in the Treasurer's hands before May 1st. The record of the giving last month maintains the good record of former years. No marked changes appear. Of the 16 churches that have just now completed their gifts, 7 increase their contributions, 6 decrease, and 5 give the same. The banner church this month is Kings Chapel, with a contribution of $1680. Closely behind follows the First Church of Providence, R. I., with $1500, and the First Parish in Brookline with $1403, a good gain over the gift of the last year. The church in Colorado Springs more than doubles its gift of last year, rising from $20 to $46. Flushing, N. Y. comes up from $10 to $15, and Portsmouth, N. H. from $129 to $143. The substantial gift from New Bedford of $540 is a good increase over last year's gift, and small gains appear in the contributions of Unity Church, Denver, Col., and the Third Society in Cambridge, Mass. Many churches make their collections for the national work on Easter Sunday, so the receipts for the first week in April are likely to be the largest of any week in the year.

Journeys The President of the Association has just returned from a missionary journey in the

and Highland Springs, Va., Nashville, New Orleans, and Jacksonville, taking part with the President in the sessions of the Religious Education Association at Nashville and in the Southern Conference at Jacksonville.

The Secretary of the Association has been travelling on the Pacific Coast. On the way out he visited the churches in Colorado and the new Society in Phoenix, Arizona, then attended a meeting of the Southern California Conference at Los Angeles and visited the other churches in that region. He then passed up the coast, consulting with our fellow-workers and preaching in the churches and has now reached British Columbia, and is returning homeward through the Canadian northwest.

Mr. Foote, the secretary of the Department of Education, has returned from his visits to the churches and University centers in the Mississippi Valley and has attended the meeting of the Religious Education Association in Nashville, visiting on the way at Columbus, Ohio, the seat of the State University, and at Danville, Ky., the seat of the proposed Danville Industrial Institute.

Publicity Department

The little booklet, "The Church of the Modern Spirit," continues to commend itself to our churches as a publicity agent. During the last month, several thousands and is availing itself of the great opportunities open to every liberal church today.

The Bethany Baptist (Unitarian) Church of Denver, Colorado, which has recently joined our fellowship, has shown its earnestness of purpose by securing and distributing a special edition of the same booklet. In addition to this publicity work, it has subscribed for 200 copies of the Unitarian Calendar.

Rev. Charles W. Casson, Secretary of the Department, spent the most of March doing missionary work in Ohio and West Virginia. In company with Rev. E. C. Smith, Secretary of the Western Conference, he held a series of meetings in Dayton, Ohio, which were very successful in point of attendance and interest, and which resulted in the formation of a Unitarian church in that city. A large number declared themselves in favor of such organization and steps will be at once taken to establish what shows every promise of being a flourishing church. The opportunity in Dayton is a wonderfully promising one, due to certain factors in the local environment.

After speaking in Marietta, Ohio, Mr. Casson held a series of meetings in Fairmont and Parkersburg, W.Va., endeavoring to increase the interest aroused at these points by Rev. Thomas Clayton. He then visited the new society in Morgantown, speaking in the Court House on

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it is gratifying to hear from practically every quarter words of commendation of the Unitarian Calendar. The 11,000 copies now being published must necessarily exercise a large influence upon the unity of our movement and also in increasing the interest in it, both within and without the churches. The aim of the Department is to put this Calendar into every church of our faith.

Department of Social and Public Service

In the next two or three months several state and national organizations will hold their annual conferences. Notable among them will be the National Conference of Charities and Correction in St. Louis in May, and the Congress of the Playground Association of America in Rochester in June. The subjects considered at these gatherings are important and of general interest, but as they are nearly always held in the larger cities, the smaller communities have no opportunity to listen to and profit by the papers and discussions. This, of course, cannot be helped, but it has seemed to the Department of Public Service that it might be possible to make up for this educational loss, in a measure, by arranging for civic conferences in some of the towns and villages which can never be reached by the national organizations. At sanitation, housing, the administration of private and public relief, playgrounds, social hygiene, education, vocational training, boys' and girls' clubs, civic improvement and the like would be discussed by experts in local relations, and if the movement were followed up the effect would, undoubtedly, be felt in improved conditions. Our own church could hold such a conference if need be, but it would be better if all the churches and public organizations in a town would unite to carry it on and make it a success. It would then become the civic expression of the religious life of the whole community. The Secretary of the Department is now assisting in making the arrangements for several of these conferences to be held in the spring and fall, and will be glad to consult or correspond with any others who may be interested in the matter.

Since the last issue of WORD AND WORK Mr. Forbes has preached at East Boston, Melrose, Winchester and Meeting House Hill. He has addressed Alliances at Lawrence, Framingham and Canton on "Preventative Philanthropy," the Men's Club of Brockton on the "Housing Problem," the Boston Ministers' Association on the "Italian Situation in the Metropolitan District," and the Wayland Women's Club on "Social Opportunities," and has pre-

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Many branches issue printed programmes which are full of suggestion and in exchange are helpful to others. Their usefulness would be greater if each bore the name of the town and date of the programme. "Women's Alliance, First Unitarian Church" applies to a great many branches and for reference needs to be distinguished more definitely.

We again recommend that every Alliance document should give the name, place and date. Inconvenience and misunderstanding might often be avoided if all announcements of meetings also gave the year as well as the day.

The recent incident in Rome in connection with Mr. Fairbanks' proposed visit to the Pope has brought into prominence the work of the Methodists in Italy.

What has been done by Methodist missions in the way of schools is of remarkable interest. In Rome is a fine building for church services, with Sunday school room, Epworth League parlors, offices, book room, a printing plant, rooms for a theological school and a boys' school. The Women's Foreign Missionary Society carries on a large girls' school named Crandon Hall after Mrs. Elizabeth W. Crandon still living in Evanston, and Venice there are also successful schools.

The Alliance has never been greatly attracted to the work of foreign missions which is of such absorbing interest to women of other churches, and has had little to do with any but the Japanese Mission in which it always fully believed. It is gratifying to learn from the president of the American Unitarian Association that a new impetus has been given to the work in Tokio by Rev. Clay MacCauley, who since returning there six months ago as the representation of the Association, has re-organized the church and re-vivified many missionary activities which were in need of fresh inspiration and renewed assurance of fellowship.

The Alliance has its new lines of missionary work, chief among which is the Post Office Mission which prepares the ground for all other missionary effort. In this every Alliance woman no matter how remote, can take part. In the new construction work of building churches, in which a modest beginning has been made in the south, the Alliance finds, like the Methodists that the school is an important factor in the up-building of a community. The two schools in Swansboro and Shelter Neck have already made an impression for good

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At the regular meeting of the Executive Board held on March 11th twenty-six were present from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, and Canada.

A new branch has been formed at Sanford, Maine, where there has been a phenomenal awakening among liberals and a church formed. The secretary of the branch is Mrs. William Babbitt.

Mrs. O. H. Richardson of Montpelier was elected director for Vermont in place of Mrs. Staples resigned, and Mrs. John C. Cobb of Milton, Mass. was elected a member of the Post Office Mission committee, from which Miss Frances LeBaron has just resigned. Miss LeBaron has been connected with the Post Office Mission from the very beginning and for many years was one of the most actively interested members of the western section. It is with great regret that her name is dropped from the list.

An appeal was recommended to the branches from West Somerville, Massachusetts, asking for $250 to help in building a church. The people have been using an undesirable hall and having secured land some time ago are now anxious to have a church building. The Alliance branch is large and active and has been hard at work for this home church which a little help now will enable them to enjoy at once.

presented at the Conference at Jacksonville by Mrs. Peterson and Miss Field who will meet officers of the American Unitarian Association and doubtless the situation will be well considered and future plans proposed.

The committee to care for College Girls appears to have created an interest among branches in college towns, and the students themselves are in most cases responding to the efforts of the committee. The British League is doing even better in this line of work, looking after all girls who leave home either for school, college or employment and assuring them of welcome in the Unitarian church.

The report of the clerk showed unusual activity at headquarters during the past month, with 160 visitors, 94 letters received, 52 written, 40 books lent from the library, 9 papers lent, 37 packages of Alliance material and 67 packages of exchange sermons sent out. The clerk has also addressed 1665 wrappers for Word and Work.

It is a good time to call attention to the usefulness of the Circulating Library which is so welcome wherever it is known. The many grateful letters from ministers and isolated readers who have availed themselves of the privilege attest its value. Books are sent on application to Miss Everett, 25 Beacon St., Boston, and the borrower is expected to pay the

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space and expense will only allow a mere mention of each branch. Those reports are of great importance to the Alliance and the thanks of the executive board are due to the branches which have responded so well to the wishes of the directors and the rules of the Alliance.

Mrs. Friend expressed great pleasure in presenting her reports "full of the right spirit for which the Alliance stands." Beverly with 210 members is fully alive to every opportunity by which it can be of real service. The three branches in Salem unite in a monthly meeting, alternating with the home meetings. These are real Unitarian meetings with speakers on religious themes. The Peabody branch is very active and often invites other branches to its meetings. Gloucester with a study class and P. O. Mission does much philanthropic work also.

Mrs. Sheldon reported North Andover dividing its members into groups meeting at houses and reporting monthly at a larger meeting. Haverhill is assuming the expense of alteration in the vestry. Has good fortnightly meetings. Lawrence also has one business meeting and one social meeting with a speaker each month. Lynn emphasizes the religious intelligence and has issued a second edition of the pastor's sermon "The Unitarian Yea and Nay." Newburyport does good work and is proud of an excellent Flower Mission and a sewing school.

Mrs. Harwood presented reports from Ayer, Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Lowell, Pepperell, Shirley, Westwood and the newly formed branch at Ashly which has nearly doubled its membership since organization. Most of those branches join in P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work; many answer appeals and send gifts to fairs and one report says "We have seven or eight men at church now, where formerly we had only one."

Through Mrs. Keyes reports come from Bedford and Billerica each having a P. O. Mission and sending good books; Lexington and a neighborhood meeting; Sudbury with 15 members helping others and announcing that "Financially the church is in better condition than for some time and hopes to be able to keep open another year without asking aid;" and Waverley where the members have worked hard for the new Parish House and feel grateful to all who had given sympathy and help. The branch joins in all Alliance activities.

Mrs. Smith read reports from Arlington with its Junior Alliance, all working enthusiastically; Belmont with increased membership, two meetings each month and efficient committees; the large branch at Concord contributing to all appeals and active in P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter Exchange; Framingham busy in helping to pay for repairs on church and vestry, but not forgetting the needs elsewhere; Waltham having listened to fine addresses at the meetings has also "proved by the holding of monthly suppers that people want and enjoy the old fashioned church supper and sociable." Wayland has been studying the Bible with "inspiring talks," and has an exceptionally good Cheerful Letter committee. In Weston the Alliance is only one of several societies in the church, but with P. O. Mission, Cheerful Letter and interesting speakers is doing its part in an active church. The Winchester branch does much to help others and besides the usual work has paid the tuition of a pupil at the Tuckerman school. Woburn presents a varied programme and has had a delightful Guest Night. Appropriates money for many objects including one hundred dollars to the parish.

Mrs. Strong's reports included two branches in Cambridge, Chestnut Hill, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Natick, Newton, Newton Center, West Newton, Somerville, and Watertown. All have excellent programmes and join in the various lines of Alliance work, raising much money and disbursing it generously.

Mrs. Bolster's branches include Chelsea, which perseveres in spite of the loss of the church by fire, meeting regularly and much encouraged by the presence of the

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ing married, the corresponding secretary has taken both offices. The Hawes branch, South Boston has met as usual, done a good P. O. Mission work, held a fair, made some generous gifts in answer to appeals and listened to several admirable addresses.

Mrs. Nash reported for twelve branches, six in Dorchester, two in Roxbury, one each in West Roxbury, Roslindale, Brighton and Jamaica Plain. Money has been raised in various ways, fairs have been held by some, suppers and food sales by four, mite boxes were distributed by one, receiving one hundred dollars therefrom. One gave a Dutch Kermis continuing two days resulting in $863.31. One branch only has used exclusively the pledge system resulting in contributions of $500, one other has used it partially. Two branches report great progress in the P. O. Mission. With two exceptions these twelve branches are called upon to aid their respective churches with their hard earned money. Attendance is good at the meetings which are generally devoted to real Alliance aims and purposes. Five branches have responded to appeals recommended by the national board.

Mrs. Standish is director for nine branches in the city proper, Arlington St. First and Second Church, King's Chapel, Church of the Disciples, South Congregational Church, Bulfinch Place, and two branches without churches, New South and Unity Circle. The reports are inspiring, so much real work of value to the members, to the church and to the Unitarian faith is being done. At the wish of being invidious a few extracts must be given from the story of Unity Circle consisting of 42 members with no church holding meeting at 25 Beacon St. monthly. "We raise most of our money by pledges of five dollars a year including the membership fee." "As so many of our members belong to other branches we have no study class but read from Dr. Savage's sermons and writings." "We confine ourselves to Alliance work, answering the appeals endorsed by the board according to the immediate needs." "During the She visited all the Unitarian churches along the way and joined every branch."

Mrs. Saville reported for Braintree, Brookline First and Second, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Dover, Hyde Park, Milton, Needham, Quincy, Randolph, Sherborn, Sharon, Walpole, Wellesley Hills, Westwood, and Wollaston. Interest and enthusiasm are shown in all these branches, with varying success in financial efforts. Cheerful Letters work and the P. O. Mission meet with good results, meetings are generally well attended and social life is well cared for while the religious aims of the Alliance are being better recognized each year.

Reports of branches under Miss Day are equally full of interest and encouragement. Barnstable has replaced a portion of a fund taken for building the church. Brewster has almost entirely furnished the Davis Memorial Parish House. Bridgewater has been interested in talks by the minister and is doing well. East Bridgewater has helped the church and repaired the parish house. Has endeavored to awaken new interest in the communion service. Brockton, "a band of most devoted workers" has done much along all lines. South Carver has insured the church and is working for a building for Alliance and other meetings. Duxbury contributes to the minister's salary, repairing the church, heating the parish house and paying the organist and still helps others. Green Harbor too, has painted church and parsonage and helped the needed purchase of a lot of land adjoining. Three churches form the branch in Hingham which has had a profitable year. The branch in Kingston is "active, harmonious and united," has lost a loved minister who has been with them for nearly forty years. Has deposited in bank $800 towards the erection of a parish house. Middleboro pledges $200 a year to church expenses and give generously to others. Has an enterprising Junior Alliance doing much for the church and parish. Plymouth branch meeting weekly attends to the requirements of the Alliance, especially to the

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with speakers. Sandwich gave $300 to the church, has interesting meetings the minister reading while members sew for a fair. Scituate branch pays for a barge to take distant members to church and Alliance and sends delegates to meetings. Whitman branch paid the expenses of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the society and gave $50 to the church besides.

All these branches do Post Office Mission work in some form and several do much for Cheerful Letter. While all have to consider the money question, none of them neglect the primary Alliance object, "to quicken the religious life."

Mrs. Morton brought most interesting reports from Attleboro, begining its second year under happy and hopeful conditions; the "wonderful society of 14 members" in the old Pedobaptist Society of Dighton; from Eastondale branch which sends gifts in response to requests for sales always accompainied with a friendly letter; the large branch at Fairhaven doing much for the community; the fine work at Fall River there the meetings are largely given to subjects of religious or social service and reform; Nantucket holding meetings all summer and noteworthy for a Good Cheer committee; North Easton faithful and energetic are distributing books; Norton which recently redecorated the church and is now free from debt; Taunton branch including three distinct organizations, P. O. Mission, Cheerful Letter and Sewing Circle and doing much unique work; lastly Vineyard Haven welcoming visitors in the summer and looking "forward to the future with encouragement remembering the past."

Mrs. Holden told of Berlin much interested in Alliance work especially P. O. Mission and contributing to church expenses and appeals; the Clinton branch still a Benevolent Society doing much local work and interested in WORD AND WORK reports; Northboro sending out libraries and especially caring for southern work; Mendon with fine papers read and a successful fair; Uxbridge branch active socially and making generous appropriations; Hopedale with large numbers and much work on a large scale. The director says "the true Alliance spirit is shown in the Fitchburg branch." The Leominster branch specially mentioned as doing good P. O. Mission work and publishing a sermon of the minister. A group of girls long identified with the church under the name of The Gleaners have formed a Junior Alliance taking up a course of study under the minister's wife.

Mrs. Macgowan reported for Athol without a minister, helping the church and meeting regularly; for Brookfield with a good reading circle and successful fair. The pastor's wife took the agency of the books from the Publication Department giving the commission allowed to the branch. Barre is interested in a newly formed Unitarian Club, and works chiefly for charity. Gardner has had many social functions and is studying Temperance in the literary half hour. The branch at Grafton recently organized is admirably divided under various committees and is full of enthusiasm. Plans are making to remodel the church. The Petersham branch thoroughly alive is enjoying a new church and parlor and doing good work. Sturbridge has given the proceeds of a Harvest supper towards the minister's salary and contributed to the building of a church in Winchester, N. H. Westboro "has earnest and devoted members strong in the spirit of co-operation and enthusiastic in doing good work." Winchendon is prosperous giving $100 to the church, $40 to Proctor Academy and something to each appeal. The Worcester League has presented an interesting programme this winter and carries on a valuable P. O. Mission with five members from each of the three Worcester churches as the committee.

Mrs. Pearson is director for Amherst studying Famous Unitarian Women and hiring organist and quartette for church services; Chicopee which has had a year of great activity clearing off the church debt; Florence doing good P. O. Mission work and sending The Christian Register to Mt. Holyoke College; Holyoke has P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter committees

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Springfield which has discussed many important questions, has enthusiastic Cheerful Letter and P. O. Mission committee and has sent over $250 to other branches needing help; and the branch at Ware with two meetings a month good social life and work done for Cheerful Letter.

Mrs. Wells-Smith reported for Deerfield with meetings well sustained and papers on "The different phases of religious development from the introduction of Christianity into England to the beginning of the Unitarian faith." Much pleasure was given by the generous gifts of other branches for a recent fair. Greenfield has inspiring meetings and lately a successful union meeting of all the churches in town to discuss the subject of "What are our churches doing for Temperance?" The branch at Montague is working with indomitable bravery, meeting every two weeks to pay for needed repairs on the church. Until this is done the society is unable to afford preaching. The minister from Bernardston has offered to hold afternoon services and the society hopes to be able to have him. Northfield in spite of being pastorless has worked faithfully on, with well attended meetings and home missionary work. Pittsfield does a little P. O. Mission work and contributes largely to church expenses. Rowe has carried out a good programme with interest and enthusiasm. Monthly suppers bring together old and young. One hundred dollars has been paid towards the minister's study recently added to the parsonage and fifty dollars for minister's salary. An Alliance library has been started. At Turner's Falls the work continues as usual. The annual May party will be held as for thirty years past. The faithful branch of nine members at Warwick now studying Unitarian Belief has answered requests for fairs and contributed to the Pacific Coast trip. Has visited and entertained other branches with much enjoyment.

Fuller reports of the work done by any of those branches can be supplied if desired. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on April 8th then reports from the west will be expected.

at Ashby and Grafton, Massachusetts, and Sanford, Maine. See to it that these are invited soon to neighborhood meetings, where mutual acquaintance is fostered and the sense of fellowship strengthened. Let me call attention to Concord's (N. H.) fine meeting, reported in the March WORD AND WORK, and also to the greetings sent from that gathering to another branch. In some parts of New England the neighborhood meeting is unknown. If only two branches can get together let those two take turns in entertaining each other, and let some time be devoted to comparing notes and talking over plans and programs.

Are the branches borrowing the lending papers from Headquarters and are they finding them helpful? Let us have more good papers to add to the list. The Circulating Library with its fine collection of books might be used much more widely by the branches. How about the Study Class Leaflets and the Forty Questions?

We must rejoice that now "there is no Unitarian Church in the Middle States without an Alliance branch." When is this to be true of New England? Of Massachusetts? The word today is co-operation, our word given us by Dr. Hale is "togetherness," and yet there are places in New England where this message has not been received. In some of our older churches the woman's society prefers to stand aloof, to forego the pleasures of fellowship, lest it lose something of its independence. I can not believe what has been said quite recently, that sending one third of the fees to the national treasury is the argument against becoming an Alliance branch. That is the simple business arrangement, and every *branch* naturally wishes to do its part to support the organization to which it belongs. No one would expect to share in the privileges of membership without contributing towards the expenses of the society whatever it may be. A good return is made by the National Alliance in printing and distributing Manual, WORD AND WORK, Leaflets, and in maintaining a headquarters to which members may and do turn for advice and help, witness last month's report of 160 visitors

Alliance and continue to do just what they are doing, if that is their choice, and that they will do it better for the companionship of their sister branches and the interchange of ideas. Let us report one year hence that no Unitarian church in New England is without its Alliance branch.

The March meeting and annual election of the New York League were held at All Souls' Church, 38 new members having been added this year. The report of religious news touched upon the demonstration at Berlin over a belief in Jesus; the church and school question in France; the unusual Buddhist activity in India; and the investigation of Trinity church property in New York. The address of the morning was by Dr. Samuel Schulman, Rabbi of Temple Beth-El, New York, on "Race Prejudice, its meaning and results." The collection of $39 was sent to Richmond.

The vice-president for the south writes: "Few realize what the Post Office Mission does because its results are apparently so small, but in our section, the very first step must be to remove or disarm the "prejudice" to our faith. Personal argument does not do this because into arguments creeps always the little bitter touch, whether intended or not, but the quiet reading of one of our tracts, judiciously selected, means more than anything else towards he will learn to understand the Unitarian view point better, and will cease to carry on warfare against it himself, or instigate others to do so. This makes our work easier and leads by gradual steps to growth and success therein. Credit may be given for success to the pulpit, the branch, or the church, but more oft much of it is deserved but seldom given to the silent modest little worker, our Post Office Mission Tract! Won't you all help this messenger to do its part, by taking up this work and giving it special time and thought?"

As noticed in the *Christian Register* of March 3d, a memorial of some sort to Dr. Edward Everett Hale is under consideration in Boston and elsewhere. Whatever form it takes the Alliance women will doubtless have an active interest in furthering the plan, for to the Alliance Dr. Hale was always a firm friend and supporter. For many years the Annual Meeting in Dr. Hale's church was opened by him in person, and the opportunity was utilized to speak words of encouragement and appreciation. Dr. Hale always emphasized the fact that the Alliance was "the best business organization" he knew.

It appears to be prevailing idea that a statue, preferably of the type of the Channing statue, should be erected in some prominent place in Boston, but that any memorial to

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erected is practically settled, certainly in Boston and perhaps also in Washington.

The branch at Dr. Hale's own church, the South Congregational Church, Boston, has used for an opening service the prayers made by Dr. Hale in Congress.

The British League although of comparatively recent existence is rapidly overtaking the Alliance in all forms of work. It will shortly bring out a leaflet outlining a suggested course of study for study classes and reading circles. A subcommittee is arranging for a meeting in Cambridge of members from neighboring Women's Colleges to consider lines of work similar to that of the Alliance committee for the care of College Girls, the plan of the League being now inclusive. The Postal Mission is thoroughly well organized and instances are constantly recorded of the interest taken in the literature distributed. It is pleasant to have the methods of the Alliance so acceptable and it is a powerful incentive to the Alliance members to do better.

The Van Mission is already making plans for extended trips in England and Scotland and open air meetings are even now being held in advance.

The secretary of the branch at North Church, Salem has become Mrs. Albert S. Brown, 33 Summer St.

The spring meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held on April 28th, 1910 at Lowell, Massachusetts, subject Co-operation. Reports, election of officers and general Conference will fill the morning and in the afternoon Rev. James De Normandie, D. D., will give his appreciative paper on Dr. Hale.

An instructive and interesting paper on Philanthropic Motives and Methods as influenced by our Unitarian Faith, has been added to the Lending Papers at headquarters.

The names of Mrs. Samuel Quincy, Mrs. B. Ward Dix, Mrs. Henry A. Taber, Miss Phoebe Adam, Miss Hannah Adam and Mrs. Sarah Dickerman have been placed In Memoriam.

Amounts now needed for the Appeals :—

Allegheny, Pa.	$143.00
Waverley, Mass.	197.50
West Somerville, Mass.	245.00

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Board of Directors

THE eighth regular meeting, for the year 1909-10, of the Board of Directors of the National Young People's Religious Union was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, March 1, 1910. There were present besides the secretary, President Saunderson and Messrs. Bates, Harwood, McMurdie, Schumacher and Sturtevant.

After routine business the finances of the Union were carefully considered for the next two months, and a forecast was made for next year.

The invitation to provide a speaker for Wednesday forenoon, July 13, at the Isle of Shoals, was accepted.

GRACE R. TORR,
Secretary.

The Annual Meeting

THE Annual Meeting will take place as usual in the Second Church, Copley Square, Boston, Mass., on Thursday, May 26, with the afternoon session given over to business, and an evening meeting in the church auditorium, open to the public.

Every Union should, before its meetings for the season are over, elect three delegates to the Annual Meeting and make its contribution coming in slowly. The treasurer's books close on May 1, so there remains but a month more in which to contribute. The matter should be attended to without delay. In case your secretary has not read or presented the contents of the letter to your union, will you not inquire concerning it and so secure some action on the part of your society with regard to this very important subject?

Life Memberships

SINCE last reported in WORD AND WORK, the following names have been added to the Life Membership list, making the present number 152:

151. Mrs. James H. Beal,
Boston, Mass.

152. Mrs. Charles T. White,
Boston, Mass.

Nominations for Offices

THE Constitution of our Union provides that each local society may suggest names for the nominations to be made at the annual meeting, for the general officers of the ensuing year, by sending them to the chairman of the Nominating Committee.

This is a privilege and duty that every branch of the Union should be

recommendations. By such means only can the Nominating Committee present a thoroughly representative and democratic list of candidates.

The positions to be filled are those of President, Vice-Presidents, (six, or more, representing different sections of the country) Secretary, Treasurer, and fifteen directors, as follows: — One from Canada, one from New Hampshire, one from New York, one from Maine, eight from Massachusetts, one from Pennsylvania, one from Vermont, and one from California.

Address all communications to

REV. HAROLD G. ARNOLD,
Bridgewater, Mass.
Chairman of the Nominating Com.

South Worcester Federation

THE annual meeting of the South Worcester Federation was held in the South Unitarian Memorial Church, Worcester, on Sunday, Jan. 30.

The following officers were elected for 1910: President, Mr. Harry G. Newman of Hopedale; Vice-President, Mr. Harold A. Rogers of Westboro. Secretary-Treasurer, Miss May A. Leland of Worcester.

The invitation to meet with the Parkman Guild of Westboro on Sunday, April 24, was accepted.

Reports of the work of the various [illegible] tion meeting in Boston was given by the secretary. The paper of the afternoon was given by Miss Florence M. Southworth of Westboro on "Great Scenes in the Life of Paul," in an extremely interesting and instructive manner.

The evening session at 6.30 was addressed by Rev. Abbot Peterson of Lancaster who gave an interesting paper on "The Mirror and the Reflection."

MAY A. LELAND,
Secretary.

Boston Federation

THE mid-year meeting of the Boston Federation was held Sunday, February 27, at the Meeting House Hill Church, Dorchester, with the Nathaniel Hall Society.

Rev. Roger S. Forbes spoke a most cordial word of welcome, after which followed the business session with reports from the secretary and the various committees.

The Friendly Service Committee reported that the Christmas work this year was most successful, seventy-four children being given toys, candy and mittens.

Mr. Herbert C. Beck was forced to tender his resignation as Vice-President and Mr. Marshall I. Stone of the Nathaniel Hall Society was [illegible]

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to even surpass its good work of last year at the meeting of the National Young People's Religious Union in Anniversary Week.

The evening commenced with a devotional service, after which a choir, consisting of members from the Brighton Union, contributed some pleasing selections. We hope to make this choir singing a special feature of our meetings in the future.

Prof. Jeffrey R. Brackett, Dean of the School for Social Workers in Boston, spoke on "Social Service by the Young People To-day."

HARRIET E. UNDERHILL,
Secretary.

Annual Meeting of Boston Federation

On Sunday, April 24, the annual meeting of the Boston Federation will be held in the Church of Our Father, East Boston. The usual afternoon and evening services at four and half-past seven o'clock will be held.

The afternoon session will be devoted to business, — the election of officers, reports of committees, officers, etc. The general topic for the evening will be "What We Wish To Do as Unitarians," and will be discussed by two or three different speakers: Mr. Percy A. Atherton will present the subject from a layman's point of view.

It is hoped that there will be a more

Notes from the Field

THE Y. P. R. U. of Madison has had some well attended and interesting meetings this season. In the autumn the annual reception to students was held in the parlors. This brought the young people together and established a social tie with the church. Most of the Sunday evening meetings have been addressed by the young people. At New Year's a native of India, of China and of Holland told of the New Year's customs in his home land. One Sunday we had the great pleasure of a visit from the Rev. H. W. Foote of Ann Arbor. At six o'clock seventy of the young people sat down to a supper at the Woman's Building. After the meal and a few minutes of sociability we all marched in a long procession to the church where speeches were made by six of the members and by Mr. Foote.

Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, one of our vice-presidents, has just returned from a trip through Illinois, Southern Minnesota and Iowa. His trip was very successful. He organized a number of unions that will no doubt affiliate with the national organization. Several letters of appreciation for having sent Mr. Shurtleff have been received and show how

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Harry Lutz, formerly of Billerica, Mass., was installed as minister of the Channing Church in Newton on April 17th. Rev. J. W. Cooper, recently of the Presbyterian fellowship, has accepted a call to the Unitarian church in Lancaster, Pa. Rev. C. A. Drummond has resigned at Littleton, Mass., to accept a call to the First Church in Somerville. Rev. F. P. Estabrook has resigned at Westwood, Mass., and Rev. Melvin Brandow at Plymouth, Mass. Rev. C. W. Casson has accepted a call to the Third Church, Dorchester. Rev. J. L. Robinson has resigned at Richmond, Va., and accepted a call to Barneveld, N. Y.

Contributions

The month of April brings to the national Treasury the largest receipts of the year. The books closed May 1st and it is to be hoped that no Society has

a good one. The contributions of the last month show no marked changes, but testify to the reliable goodwill of our people. It is a satisfaction to record the substantial increase in the gifts of the churches in Concord, N. H., Taunton, and Fitchburg, Mass. Taunton goes up from $312 to $377, Concord from $253 to $318, Fitchburg from $259 to $358. Among the smaller givers New Orleans nearly doubles its contribution of the last year and so does Lawrence, Mass., where the New England Field Secretary has been at work. North Andover shows a substantial gain and encouraging increases are noted at Deerfield, Roslindale, Bridgewater, Westford, Sandwich, and Peabody, Mass., Vineland, N. J., and Salem, Oregon. The most striking increase of the month is the gain at Hackensack, N. J., which goes up from a contribution of $10 to a gift of $115. The record of this little church is peculiarly satisfactory. It was organized

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Fund, became self-supporting some years ago, discharged its debt to the Loan Fund in advance of the regular time, and now takes its place among the substantial supporters of the national work. There are no people of large means in this little Society, but it has spiritual vitality and good business management. Its record is one that ought to be possible in a score of similar places if the same good judgment and loyalty and leadership could only be guaranteed.

Endowment

The record of the fiscal year just closing in the increase of the endowment of the Association has been one of the most gratifying in our history. A number of substantial bequests have upbuilt the resources of the Association. The bequest of Mrs. Leighton has yielded $37,500. and there is still more to come. The Slater bequest amounts to $10,000., and the final payment on the Choate bequest adds something over $7,000. The gifts for the endowment of the Pension Society, of which the Association is trustee, amount to date to nearly $40,000. The smaller gifts and bequests for the capital account bring the total of gifts for the increase of the endowment to about $110,000. In the new year the Association may look forward to the payments of the large bequests of Mrs. Barnard, Miss Hunt, and Mr. Bird. These three wills

large number of delegates and members will be in attendance. The afternoon session on Tuesday, May 24th, will follow the usual order. First will come the annual reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, then the reports of the special committees, and finally the annual address of the President of the Association, who will speak on "The Administrative Ideals of a Free Church." In the evening the Anniversary Sermon will be preached by Rev. T. R. Slicer, of New York. The morning session of Wednesday will concern itself with the business of the Association, the election of officers and the report of the Business Committee, with discussion upon the matters therein presented. At the afternoon session the subject will be "The Constructive Energies of our Missionary Work" and the speakers will be Dean Wilbur, Field Secretary for the Pacific Coast; William Thurston Brown, Field Secretary for the Rocky Mt. Department; Ernest C. Smith, Secretary of the Western Conference, and Henry Wilder Foote, Secretary of the Department of Education. In the evening there will be a public meeting, where the speakers will be Rev. Elmer S. Forbes, Secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service, on "The Social Service Activities of our Churches," and President Charles W. Eliot on "The

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communicate their purpose to the Secretary of the Association in advance so that adequate time can be reserved. It will be observed that the subjects for the speakers at the open sessions are well correlated and present four important aspects of our work. The officers of the Association will speak on the improvement of our administrative methods; another session will deal with our constructive missionary energies; a third session will consider the direction of our social service activities, and the Anniversary Sermon may be expected to deal with the constructive principles of our faith and spiritual life.

To all Associate Members

It is possible that some Associate Members living in different parts of the country may be planning to visit New England or the Atlantic sea-board during the early summer and can so arrange as to attend the Anniversary meetings the last week in May. If so they will receive a cordial welcome at the Unitarian Headquarters at 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

These anniversaries are the most important gatherings of the Unitarian body at large. Delegates attend from the churches and other organizations from all parts of the country. The meetings of the American Unitarian Association and other societies are held during the entire week and, besides the transaction of annual business, many addresses by prominent Unitarians are given. There those who desire to get acquainted with the *personnel* of our denomination and the nature and methods of our work. It has been the custom of our free churches to thus come together since the early colonial days. Indeed, the City of Boston and the "May Meetings," in Unitarian circles at least, are historically associated and bear much the same relation as, in ancient times, the Feast of Tabernacles and Zion's Hill. Careful preparations are made during many weeks in advance and the various programs are so adjusted as to furnish the greatest possible variety of subjects for all.

In addition to the delegate meetings of the Association there are the special meetings of the Fellowship for Social Justice, the National Alliance, the Sunday-school Society, the Young People's Religious Union, the Unitarian Temperance Society, the Laymen's League, and various other philanthropic and religious organizations. These, with the Reception at the opening of the week and the Festival at the close, combine to make it worth while for every Associate Member who can possibly do so to attend. Come to headquarters, make your presence known to the Secretary or to some member of the Hospitality Committee, and meet with and enjoy the companionship of your brothers and sisters in the household of your faith. Send for a Preliminary Program if you think of attending.

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The series of People's

Cambridge, closed on April 10. The committee which had them in charge included the Unitarian ministers of Cambridge, the secretary of the Department, representatives of the Central Labor Union and professors in Harvard University, a body which insured a wide range of topics for discussion and prevented undue prominence being given to any one interest. The meetings have been thoroughly typical of the city's life and very successful for this reason. The University, the trades unions, the churches, social reformers of many names have all been represented, and have taken part in the questioning and discussion which follow the addresses. A fine spirit has prevailed, and the influence of the meetings has been felt in a broadening of sympathy and in a larger recognition of mutual sincerity of purpose even though upon any given subject there may have been great differences of opinion. The meetings will be continued next season in the First Church. It has been suggested that similar meetings might be held profitably in other places if the local minister or ministers, or the men's club, or other interested persons should take the initiative. The Secretary of the Department will be glad to correspond with any who care to consider the matter.

The April *Social Service Bulletin* came from the printer too late to be mentioned in the last WORD AND WORK. Number 8 is by Thomas N. Carver, Professor of Political Econ- is largely an economic problem and that the best way to secure adequate support for the church is to increase the prosperity of its members.

Bulletin No. 9 is on "The Relation of the Church to the Social Worker," by Herbert Welch, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, and aims to show how the relation between the church and works of charity and reform should manifest itself.

Recent additions to the Social Service Library have been:

The City of the Dinner Pail, Lincoln. Cost of Shelter, Richards. Each for All and All for Each, Parsons. Labor and the Railroads, Fagan. Rural Christendom, Roads. Towards Social Reform, Barnett.

Department of Comity and Fellowship

The secretary of this department has devoted a large share of his time and service towards organizing an interdenominational and international observance of the centenary of Theodore Parker's birth, which occurs the present year, as does the fiftieth anniversary of his death. A circular letter bearing the indorsement of fourteen religious associations the world over was sent to many of the admirers and friends of the great American preacher and reformer, inviting them to participate in this general commemoration of his anniversaries. The response has been most gratifying, indicating the wide-spread appreciation of Parker's life and services and the con-

phia, in the First Unitarian Church. The three sessions will be addressed by representatives of five or more denominations on the varied aspects of Parker's career and services as thinker and theologian, scholar and preacher, reformer and man of faith. Revs. Joseph May, Chas. W. Wendte, Parker's literary executor Frank B. Sanborn, and others will testify out of their personal knowledge of him as a man and minister. The other speakers will be Henry W. Wilbur, Revs. Dr. J. Clarence Lee, Anna Garlin Spencer, Franklin C. Southworth, Richard W. Boynton, William C. Gannett, Oscar B. Hawes, Frederic A. Hinckley, Frank O. Hall, John Haynes Holmes, Charles E. St. John and Rabbi Henry Berkowitz.

In Boston the Free Religious Association will devote its next annual meeting, on May 27th to a commemoration of Parker, under the leadership of Edwin D. Mead. The speakers are yet to be announced. At the banquet in the afternoon Rev. C. W. Wendte will preside, and Parker's friends and contemporaries, Col. T. W. Higginson, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, H. G. Spaulding, Rufus Leighton, and others will make addresses.

In Lexington, Parker's birthplace, at Watertown, where he taught and preached, at West Roxbury, his first settlement, commemorative services will be held. In New York at the meeting next autumn in the Abraham Lincoln Center, in which Revs. J. L. Jones, Edwin D. Mead, Wm. C. Gannett, Rabbi Hirsch and C. W. Wendte will participate. The alumni of the Harvard Divinity School at their annual meeting next June, the Meadville School early in May, the Ministerial Union in Boston at the May anniversaries, with various conferences, will also observe the occasion.

In London a special commemoration will be held in whitweek. Revs. J. Page Hopps, Charles Hargrove, Henry Gow, J. W. Lloyd Thomas and Dr. Cressey will make addresses. At the Berlin Congress next summer, in Basle, Switzerland, in Paris, Kolozsvar, Hungary, and far away Tokio and Calcutta Parker's natal day will be celebrated, while a delegation of American and British admirers will lay a wreath of commemoration on his grave in Florence.

But the best celebration is the new centenary edition of Parker's writings issued in fourteen volumes by the American Unitarian Association. The set of fourteen handsomely bound books, with prefaces and notes by various editors and a bibliography and complete index, can be obtained at the Association rooms for only ten dollars, or for $11.50 to cover delivery by express. Single volumes are also sold at one dollar a volume, or $1.14 by mail. This has been made possible by the generous gift of a former

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With many branches this month is the beginning of the long summer vacation, the end of the season's work. It is the time for annual meetings, for closing accounts and rehearsing the records of the past year. It is the time to compare notes and learn what has been done; to see if standards have been maintained, if enthusiasm has waned or if new regulations should be adopted and new promises made; to inquire how the branch has sustained and upheld the cause for which it stands. We have not stood still; have we advanced or gone backward?

But some are working branches all through the year, and some others meet only in the summer months. These often receive much help and inspiration from Alliance members visiting or spending the summer in their neighborhood. The loyal Alliance woman when away from home never neglects an opportunity to find the Alliance branch and give it friendly words.

Delegates must be chosen according to the by-laws, for the annual meeting of the National Alliance to be held on Tuesday, May 24th at 10 o'clock A. M. in the South Congregational Church, corner of Exeter

transactions of business, the Corresponding Secretary will relate her experiences in her recent journey to the Pacific Coast.

On Monday, May 23, at 2.30 P. M. at the same place the usual public meeting will be held, to which all are cordially invited. Addresses will be given by Mrs. Claude U. Gilson of Elizabeth, N. J., on Loyalty to the Alliance, local and national, Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell of Greenfield, Mass. on Local Alliances and the Social Question and by Rev. E. G. Prescott on The Unitarian Movement in Sanford, Maine.

In connection with the annual meetings the Executive Board has adopted the following resolution:—"Whereas: at each annual meeting for the past three years, a motion from the floor that the meeting be given over for a time to the raising of money to wipe out the current appeals has prevailed,—and as many branches are coming to consider this an annual occurrence and some undoubtedly are holding back their contributions for appeals until the expected called at the annual meeting,—Resolved:—That the Board of Directors are of the opinion that such a movement should be discouraged except in

So little is now required for the appeals recommended this year that without doubt they will be completed by branches still holding money and by those which have not yet given.

Secretaries are enjoined to attend promptly to the filling out of the blanks for the use of the corresponding secretary in preparing the Manuel. Let them be full, with names and addresses plainly written. When branch officers are changed, each officer should hand over to her successor all documents and letters of instruction and help her in every way to continue the work without interruption.

At the meeting of the Executive Board held on April 8th the resignation of Mrs. J. P. Forbes, vice-president of the Middle States was accepted with much regret.

The committee on Southern work also presented the resignation of Rev. J. C. Gibson who has so long served the Alliance in the Georgia-Florida circuit and who is now reluctantly obliged to lay down the work from ill health. It will be difficult to fill the place of one who has so faithfully and efficiently carried out the plans of the Alliance and been such an enthusiastic, devoted and able pioneer. Such men are rare.

Rev. Mr. Cowan will be engaged for another year and Rev. Mr. Key will continue in the North Caroline

The director of Michigan is to be congratulated at this addition to her branches and secretaries should send a warm welcome.

Mrs. M. P. Wells-Smith and Miss Fanny Field were appointed as delegates from the Alliance to the Berlin Conference.

It is pleasant to record that the little paper The Cheerful Letter has now become self-supporting. More subscriptions are hoped for that the paper may be further improved and because every Alliance branch should have copies for distribution and every Alliance member understand and appreciate its value.

The treasurer announced a new Life Member from the Newburgh, N. Y. branch, Mrs. L. Gertrude Rogers. The branch at Fairhaven, Mass. has given the same honor to its president Mrs. Abbie A. Smith, and Mrs. Samuel R. Calthrop has been equally honored by the branch at Syracuse, N. Y. which has also placed the name of Mrs. Mary E. Bagg, its first president on the In Memoriam list. The Memorial list has received in addition the names of Miss Ellen Foster Marshall, Chicago, Illinois; Miss Abba D. Robbins, Belmont, Mass.; Mrs. A. E. Churchill, Concord, N. H.; Mrs. Sarah V. Hender, Burlington, Vermont; Mrs. Mary S. Philbrick, Roxbury (All Souls) Mass.; Mrs. Susan W. Farwell, Boston (South Cong.) Mass. These names will be affectionately

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well written. A short abstract follows.

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First Church, Cincinnati. — The usual meetings have been held weekly for sewing and the monthly reports and business, followed by discussion on ethical and religous subjects. The trend of these discussions has been to develop some new method for the monthly meetings which would bring about more general participation of members in the program, than the long continued plan of supplying lectures for the afternoons. The plan developed is too young to be more than an experiment as yet, but is certainly thus far very interesting.

Three groups of women are working in the following humanitarian lines:—Friendly Visitors for Associated Charities. Helpers for the Shut-In-Society. Workers for Cincinnati Visiting Nurse Association.

Most interesting reports are brought from these Circles to the monthly meetings, suggesting vital subjects for consideration.

A class has been formed meeting each week for religous study. The subject occupying the members at present, is "The Beliefs of Unitarians." This is to be followed by study of the Bible. They are still interested in P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work and respond to all requests for Fairs and many appeals from the National Association, while the sewing circle devotes itself to local benevolent work and sewing for the Fair. The Cheerful Letter Committee is at present collecting books for two libraries for towns where books are scarce; Winnipeg, Manitoba and Wellfleet, Mass. While the branch has not grown in numbers it is very much alive and looks forward to the coming year with anticipations for larger lines of work and increased activity in their development.

Unity Branch.—Monthly meetings have been held since September 1909. They have now twelve members. They have helped the Butte, Mont., Alliance, have sent Unitarian literature to friends at Los Angeles, Calif., and Grants Pass, Ore., and there were sewing meetings every Friday, all day. The last Fair netted nearly $1000.

After the holidays, the work is for city charities. Appeals in WORD AND WORK and numerous postals have been answered. They have sent $25. to Bellingham, Wash., $5 to Eureka, Cal., and $10 to Franklin. Have contributed $200. towards a new organ, and $350. for other church expenses. The Paragraph Pulpit is published in one of the leading papers every Saturday morning with successful results. They have contributed to several city charities. Every Spring for four years they have given dinners for The Society for the Promotion of the Interests of the Blind.

They gave $75. toward a building fund of $500. that was raised for the Y. M. C. A. and have taken up work with the Associated Charities in the district around the church. Three years ago they began the pleasant occasion of a "Guest Day" in January and invited Alliances in easy distances and members of the congregation who are not members, to come to luncheon and a program of music and a report or talk on general and local Alliance work.

Marietta.—The work has gone foward smoothly and with unusual interest. The program planned has been carried out and the papers have been of a high order.

As a means of raising money, they have held markets, (sale of prepared foods) and the Christmas Sale was a success financially as well as a delight to the eyes. The branch has made some necessary improvements at the church, has answered some solicitations from other branches, also contributed to the Pacific Coast Fund.

"The 20th of January Mr. Saunderson was with us and after the lecture, an opportunity was given to meet Mr. Saunderson and a good social hour was held. The visits of these friends from the East is a great inspiration to us, and we are looking forward with pleasure to our next mid-month meeting to a visit from Mr. Casson who makes a missionary visit to some of our neighboring towns in the near future."

Salem.—Unity Circle fears that it can hardly exist as such, after the closing of

the December Fair. This was in some ways a success. They cleared about $110.; a much larger sum than they had anticipated.

Toledo.—This branch has given two entertainments, a banquet in November and a Mid-Winter Festival in February. During the winter three families have been taken care of and the children kept in school. This year they have made two hundred garments for the Nurses Aid. Literary programmes with the following topics have been carried out: What is Christian Charity? The Value and Importance of Bible Study. "Cosmic Consciousness." Emerson Day. The Post Office Mission is actively being carried on.

Youngstown. — Regular meetings are generally at the homes of the members. The membership has increased since the beginning of the New Year from five or six to three times this number.

They have four standing committees. The P. O. Mission which distributes literature. The Social Committee which gives monthly socials in the Chapel, congregational suppers and receptions. This faithful committee has been their standby while they were without a pastor or Alliance president. The Mercy and Help Committee (enlarged from the Flower Committee) which looks after flowers for church service as well as for the sick. A Program Committee furnishes a literary program for some of the regular meetings. So far they have studied well known Unitarian Men, as Emerson, E. E. Hale. They paid for the Paragraph Pulpit for a time during the Sunday revival services, as the revival speaker made very untruthful statements concerning the Unitarian faith. The coming year is bright in prospect.

MICHIGAN

Mrs. Marks reports as follows:—During the past year, one-half of the Michigan branches have been without the guidance and inspiration of a pastor; it therefore goes without saying that much credit is due these faithful bands of women, who,

Brooklyn.—This branch hopes to secure a student for the vacation and is now working for a sale.

Ann Arbor.—This branch still has its wheel within its wheel, namely:—its Literary Society being the branch open to all women regardless of church affiliation, with an annual fee of fifty cents, meeting weekly. The Fortnightly or Auxiliary carrying on the church work; no regular membership is charged, but those who attend, pay ten cents each time which pays for materials to work with during the year.

Detroit.—In addition to its usual entertainments, gave a reception to the new pastor and wife Rev. and Mrs. Eugene R. Shippen, a complimentary supper to the men of the church following which a men's club was formed. $279.00 has been given for home charities and appeals. The branch furnishes flowers for pulpit decorations each Sunday which are afterwards sent to sick members.

The Junior Alliance meets monthly to work for the church and charities, furnishing the flowers for the Sunday School which are afterwards sent to sick children. A more earnest or happier band of young people would be hard to find.

Grand Rapids.—The branch of the Holland Church in Grand Rapids may surely be said to be the helpmate of the church, giving to it freely its all and ever using care and forethought in its good works. $150. netted from a fair was given to the church to help to pay its debt. To the members unable to attend church at Christmas time were sent letters of greetings, to the poor families of the church were sent baskets of good things. An apron sale is a near event. For this, one of the oldest members has knit a bed spread. Harmony is the keynote of their success.

Jackson.—This branch had its usual suppers, Christmas and Rummage sales, paid all the small bills for the church, that the pastor who comes this month may begin with a clean slate.

Kalamazoo.—Aside from its other projects is planning for three food sales and a

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they meet nearly every Sunday evening with their husbands at some home and discuss some magazine article. The members take a prominent part in every organization in the city for improvement.

Onsted. — This little branch meets monthly always having a supper or dinner, for which a charge is made. A fair, a picnic and a church anniversary are events to anticipate and work for annually. The branch has made some repairs on the church and answered appeals for sales.

Sherwood.—Has not been very active the past year, but hopes from now on to awaken with a new interest.

Harrietta.—Is as ever doing good work.

Grand Rapids.— All Souls Church, (new branch). The Ladies Industrial Band is comprised of the "Hill" and "Central" Circles. These circles alternate in their weekly meetings at the homes, and meet jointly on the first Monday of each month at the church for the transaction of business. Since last April they have raised $640.

The Michigan Associate Alliance.—Held its annual picnic in June in Toledo, a most successful event. Its meeting this year will be at Ann Arbor. Toledo and Indianapolis are affiliated with the Michigan Alliance. The Directors also visited Mt. Pleasant and Harrietta in July—where profitable meetings were held—also attended a joint meeting of Brooklyn and Onsted in July.

The value of personal contact between members and directors cannot be told in words, especially when the branch is without a minister.

The Michigan branches like their sister states, have outlived the old Industrial Societies and sales, and devote much time to helpful programs and co-operative work with organized charities, as well as work outlined by the national body.

ILLINOIS

The Alliance branches of Illinois on the meeting in Evanston, Rev. J. V. Blake spoke of Edward Everett Hale, and others gave personal recollections of this great man. On Dec. 2nd Rev. Ernest C. Smith, Sec'y of the Western Conference spoke on our "Missionary Work." As he had just returned from a trip through Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa and So. Dakota, his address brought them near to the communities in which they are interested. On Feb. 3rd Rev. Walter F. Greenman of Milwaukee, gave an address on "The Limitations of Parental Constraint." Many questions were asked and some very lively discussions followed. On March 3rd Mrs. T. H. Post spoke on "The Joy of Living." She banished all pessimism and left everyone better equipped to cope with the routine and drudgery that falls to his lot.

Unity Church, Chicago.— Branch has an addition of seventeen members. They meet every Tuesday making the luncheon a social feature. Have made garments for the Children's Free Hospital. Have made contributions to the P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work and doubled their contributions to the Frederick Douglas Center, also have given towels and bed linen to the Elm St. settlement and answered every call from the sister Alliances. Interesting papers have been read.

The experiment of giving a supper without soliciting supplies, was tried. After paying for material and help they had a balance of $13.75. The Swedish Alliance was their guest at one meeting.

Third Church, Chicago.— Five literary meetings and one supper have been given for sociability.

It has contributed to the Southern work, Meadville students and the appeal from Bellingham, Wash., also to the Western Conference, American Unitarian Association, P. O. Mission and Cheerful Letter work. It has assisted in paying the expense of the National Secretary on the Pacific Coast trip and contributed to the Ellen F. Marshall memorial fund besides paying

On each alternate week papers have been given by some member of the Alliance or by some one interested in some special line of work, philanthropic or educational.

Swedish Branch, Chicago.—This branch is in a flourishing condition. It has twenty-four members who are doing much in spite of the disadvantage of being scattered over a large city. They have answered all appeals in the WORD AND WORK and have sent articles for sales solicitated by various branches. The P. O. Mission work is being done among the Swedish people both by distributing literature at the church and by mail.

Evanston.—The members of the branch decided this year to do more charity work, instead of trying to raise money. They contributed $5. to the Y. W. C. A. of Chicago and to the expense of the Pacific Coast trip, also answered other appeals.

They support the Paragraph Pulpit in one of the weekly papers in Evanston and also P. O. Mission work.

Buda.—Under the disadvantage of not having a resident minister began in January to serve dinners and suppers to keep up the social life of the church and help to pay the expenses of the church.

Moline.—Under the inspiration of a new minister is looking forward to a prosperous year. By a Dutch supper and sales of food and fancy articles, it has raised money to pay for the music for the church. It has also joined with the other churches in a reception given to interest the town's people in an equipment for the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

Anna D. Sparks Society, Alton.—They have done very little since September. Have made quite a number of infants' outfits and are trying to take up the subject of Economies and best of all have taken in several new members.

Ladies Aid Society, Alton.—This society has met regularly every alternate Wednesday afternoon with several all-day meet-

On Feb. 18th a Church family supper was given to which interested outsiders were invited. It was a social success and is to be repeated often. On March 8th Mr. Strutlioff of Boston was with them and organized a young peoples Church Club. On June 11th, an evening river excursion will be given. This is an annual affair as it is for the purpose of replenishing the depleted treasury of the two societies.

Bloomington.—The past year has been a busy one for the Bloomington church. The steady call for literature has been met by the Post Office Mission and by the tract rack at the church door. Contributions have been made to the newly formed Channing League, a branch of the Y. P. R. U., $450. for the church music, $3. for Mrs. Davis' trip, and to the Sunday School. Seven requests from other branches have been answered. The church door committee is doing much towards promoting the general feeling of friendliness.

The suppers given the first Saturday of the month, are a social feature of the church and the Alliance life. Over three hundred calls have been made by the twelve calling committees. Two meetings are held each month, one for sewing and one for the study class. Both are well attended.

Geneseo.—Meetings have been held as regularly as the severe weather would allow. Their readings and talks have been helpful and enjoyed and if they did not feel the necessity of earning money for necessary expenses, would have opportunity for more careful study. In November they gathered clothing and bedding for a Quaker School for colored children at Mt. Pleasant, S. C. They have furnished articles for several sales held by other societies. Early in December they held their Annual Sale and though the day was unfavorable, $237. was realized.

Geneva.—Meets regularly to work for a sale which this year netted them $85. The

members. Rev. Ernest C. Smith told of "Our Missionary Work."

Some of the addresses given at the National Conference have been read and extracts from "The Church of To-day." An experience meeting to raise money for a new carpet created a good deal of fun. The Christmas supper and entertainment was a great success.

The members agreed to try to raise money by subscription instead of doing so much sewing. They have contributed about $450. to the expenses of the church and given money for P. O. Mission work, the Ellen F. Marshall memorial fund and the National Secretary's trip to the Pacific Coast.

Quincy.—Fortnightly meetings at homes and several social suppers at the church seem to serve to bring people together. The Industrial Society which forms this branch is one of the oldest in the west.

MISSOURI

Kansas City.—Continues to meet every week and sew for charity. Have had eight talks with stereopticon on nature study for children and teaching the Story of Life to them.

Many requests for articles for sale have been responded to, and have sent $5. to Eureka, California.

The Eliot Society, St. Louis.—This branch reports a successful and pleasant year. At the weekly sewing meetings the members work faithfully for the Mission Free School. The Cheerful Letter and Post Office Mission work is efficiently and carefully done. All requests for assistance in fairs have met with response. The annual dinner and sale was a pronounced success, socially and financially, and this branch may be able to consider quite liberally the appeals when they are brought up at the April meeting.

The Literary program has been a consideration of books that are worth while—including one by Edward Everett Hale, "The Good Neighbor" by Mary Richmond, and John Fiske's Idea of God.

Unity Branch, St. Louis, meets every Friday except for a vacation during December. Aprons and fancy articles are made for a sale which is an annual event. From the proceeds of this sale the Alliance pays the organist, contributes to the Southern Circuit, to the National Alliance, to the Visiting Nurse's supply of infant's wear and to aprons for the South Side Day Nursery in which the Alliance is interested. The average attendance at the meetings is 17. On the first Friday of the month a business meeting is held, after which follows a literary program, usually led by a member of the Alliance.

MINNESOTA

St. Paul.—The Alliance work of Unity Church while pleasant and satisfactory to themselves, has little variation from year to year.

At the meetings needle work is on hand either for charity, or to increase the fund in the treasury by a sale or on orders. The annual income is about $350. Some literary entertainment is furnished at each meeting and afternoon tea is served, to increase the sociability. The Alliance is a vital part of Unity Church in the same quiet unostentatious way that a mother is a vital part of the home; not caring to be heard of outside, but striving to fulfil all demands made upon her.

Minneapolis.—The Woman's Club of Minneapolis Church has changed its name to the Woman's Alliance. The past year has been one of growth beneficial to the society at large. There has been an increase in membership which has made possible an extension in the work undertaken. The sewing housekeeping committee furnish the income of the society, while the social committee furnishes the entertainment for the meetings. Several good papers have been read.

The P. O. Mission Committee does good work also committees on various philanthropic work. The members of this society come together from all parts of a big city, with a common interest. "To learn of

church. It is felt that the strength is too much divided, because of the members belonging to literary clubs and philanthropic societies.

Hanska claims to be more active than before. There are so many things needed to bring the church equipment to a reasonable state of efficiency, that something is going on all the time to earn money. They have pledged $75. to complete the parish house and a larger sum for much needed improvements in the church.

A play, illustrated lectures, suppers, sales, etc., produce the income. Have for the third time won out against the saloon interests; a stubborn fight.

Duluth.—This branch is working with unabated enthusiasm and the spirit shown at the meeting is good. While there have been some additions to the membership, there has been serious loss by removals.

Regret is felt at the necessity of expending so much energy in money earning, but hope this is a power for strengthening the spirit. The Alliance always pays the expenses of the church music and has undertaken to provide several other items of the running expenses, now that every effort is being made for the building of a much needed new church which seems an assured fact.

The all-day meetings at private homes are inspiring, mingling work and play with the reading of something to inspire intellectually and spiritually. "Perhaps it is a valuable lesson to learn that we can appreciate and digest great literature while the hands are making the humble kitchen apron."

WISCONSIN

Arcadia reports but four members, but they hold meetings and each member entertaining invites her friends and they pay ten cents each and they raise some money. They are planning to send Fifty Dollars to the Western Conference next month. This small band is worthy of much praise for helping the cause of Unitarianism in this way.

hundred plates were served at seventy-five cents each, and it was all so well planned and executed that one-half of the total amount was profit. Some interest in P. O. Mission work promises work in that field in the future.

Madison.—This branch reports forty active members. Carries on Cheerful Letter work, has answered appeals for sister Alliances with money and articles for sale. Has a Lend A Hand Club composed of members of the Alliance and church who do local charity work.

Milwaukee.—This branch reports increased membership and good attendance at meetings. One meeting held each month at which appeals are received and responded to generously. After the business a program is presented.

At the last meeting March 11, Rev. Florence Buck gave an address on "Belated Justice to Servetus." Invitations to this meeting were extended to the branches at Kenosha and Madison. Thirteen attended from the first and six from the latter place. Luncheon was served to fifty. After the program, the matter of forming an Associate Alliance was introduced and by a unanimous vote, the Associate Alliance of Wisconsin was organized with the following officers: *President:* Mrs. H. A. J. Upham, Milwaukee, Wis.; *Vice-President:* Mrs. Elizabeth Pudor, Madison, Wis.; *Secretary:* Miss Ethel Potter, Milwaukee, Wis.; *Treasurer:* Miss French, Kenosha, Wis.

KANSAS

The Kansas branches of the Alliance have during the past year increased in members and in zeal for the realization of the purposes of the organization. The usual methods have been employed, the Study Class, the Post Office Mission and the Cheerful Letter Exchange. These have naturally varied in importance in the different branches according to local conditions. The usual difficulty has been encountered in inexperience of each branch, growing out of the fact that most of the

swered all calls from other branches with pleasure. The year's results have been encouraging and the prospects for the future are no less so for each of the branches.

The *Wichita* branch joined with the other churches for an annual sale calling it a "Christmas Shop." The result was harmonious and successful, not only financially but for the development of a spirit of comity between the churches. It has a variety of enterprises on hand among which is the collecting of a carload of magazines and papers for which it expects to realize one hundred dollars. A Book Table has at last been started. Another worthy enterprise for which a large number of branches are working is the building of a new Home for Children.

Laurence.— This branch numbers forty-six members. The study class has taken up the Lives and Hymns of noted Unitarians. They try to keep in touch with religious news and political questions. They have also been interested in concerts and lectures given at the church. The Post Office Mission is in charge of Rev. F. M. Bennett, including a monthly publication entitled *The Open Way*, five hundred copies of which are widely distributed together with numerous tracts and sermons and often personal letters.

The Book Table is not merely a part of their annual sale, but at every gathering at the church it is a source of profitable pleasure. Sales are frequently made. This table is considered one of the best missionary helps. This branch has paid one hundred dollars toward the new pipe organ and are now working to help pay for a grand piano and further conveniences for entertainments.

In all these enterprises they have the co-operation of a considerable number of University students. They are to entertain the Associate Alliance in April, the to December when the annual fair occurs. After that event they hold fortnightly meetings.

The fair netted over $400. The society is pledged to give $500 to the minister's salary. They are trying to raise a sum for next year by the system of day, week and month collections of 10 cents.

"Davenport feels most deeply the loss sustained by the passing on of our beloved Mrs. Ramsey. The society has formed a committee for calling on the shut-in and afflicted, and have named it the "Sarah Desire Ramsey Memorial Committee."

Humboldt.— We have been much interested in Miss Tarbell's articles in *The American Magazine* on "The Development of the American Women."

While we have a total membership of 60, our average attendance is 20. Owing to the severe winter and much illness we have not held our usual number of social functions. We have, however, held several Food Exchanges a custom that seems to meet the needs of our little town very happily. All the churches in town serving alphabetically conduct an Exchange once a week netting from $12 to $25 which we consider a very satisfactory way of raising money and helping our neighbors at one and the same time.

Some members have tired of the labor attendant upon our annual fair, deeming it out of proportion to the benefits received. So this fall sealed boxes were distributed in which we are to place our spare change from now until the first of September, 1910, when they are to be opened and if the amount thus collected is not equal to the $50 usually earned at the fair, we shall then proceed to prepare a fair. One of the most helpful features to promote regularity of attendance, was a "Roll of Honor" one of our secretaries kept one year, and at the annual meeting of the Circle, the

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pipe organ has been installed and a choir is being organized. The Alliance gave $100. toward the organ fund. They have responded to every request for help received from other branches. They do not attempt any literary or social programs.

Keokuk. This branch meets every week, and after the business meeting a short program is given, often consisting of book reviews by the minister or some member.

Rock Rapids.—This branch is not idle but sends no report.

Sioux City.—The Sioux City Unity Circle with 50 members have seven standing committees, besides a committee to arrange for five afternoon programs during the year and four evening entertainments. A neat little folder gives their program for the year which the president writes has been faithfully carried out.

They have pledged $600. to the church this year, contributed $10. to the W.C.N.L., carry on a P. O. Mission, respond to many appeals for aid from other branches, and in short stand ready to help any needful work presented to them.

INDIANA

Indianapolis.—The only branch in the whole state stands so much alone and has accomplished so much that the entire report is printed as an incentive to other isolated branches.

"Having made an adventurous voyage across the Atlantic of 1909, the Woman's Alliance of Indianapolis sends greetings to the National Board, and this report of loss and gain.

We have carried through nine business and eight literary meetings, a cargo consisting of an Easter sale and supper, a dairy lunch, a supper given by the men of the church, a sale of Thanksgiving supplies and a Halloween supper and sale of canned fruits.

We have decorated our church for Easter and Christmas, and through the generosity of one of our members, we have had the joy of flowers before the pulpit every Sunday and then the pleasure of sending them couragement from the personal letters they would write. The gifts in response were many and attractive, but the friendly letters few.

We appointed a book committee to act as agent for the Publication Com. of the A. U. A. in selling Unitarian books after church on Sundays. We have instituted a Neighborly Exchange of all kinds of household articles, receipts, patterns, etc., with a ten cent fee. We have sought to strengthen our minds by a Memory Club whose members upon forgetting anything important, may receive absolution from the Mother Confessor by paying five cents into the treasury and confessing the sin.

We have undertaken to earn our daily bread by the Calendar System of Subscription, and by making for the Children's Hospital, quilts which are decorated with the names of all who will write them and give ten cents. They are then embroidered in red.

We have sought to give thanks for daily bread, by sending money to every appeal in WORD AND WORK, and gifts for fairs among the branches to all who ask, and by sending jelly to each member of an Old Ladies' Home at Christmas and a contribution of jelly to an Old Folks Home.

We have invited our friends and neighbors to seven literary afternoon teas and two evening entertainments, and enjoyed seven talks from our minister while we sewed fifty garments for the Needlework Guild and aprons for our own sale, and clothes for a poor family.

We sent five delegates to the National Conference, three to the Western Conference, and one to the Isle of Shoals.

In her annual report our ex-president said: "Important as are these material results, their value is secondary to the fine spirit that has made them possible. There has been self-sacrifice to be sure, and hard work in plenty, but all has been given with a good cheer that has not counted the cost, but has been the expression of joy in our work. To each office attaches its duties more or less onerous, but this I have found

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Midway in our voyage we were crippled by illness among the crew and our hearts were saddened by the long suffering and death of our brave captain. One meeting was steered without captain or mate, when we turned to one who had just completed a faithful watch and who in the night of our discouragement again took her place by the wheel. Now that the gale is over and port comes in sight, we feel with Kipling's Ship that we have found ourselves as we never could have done without the strain and fatigue, and that the next voyage will be more prosperous because of the helpful mistakes of this.

ELIZABETH GOODNOW WICKS,
Corresponding Secretary.

While the Corresponding Secretary has been making her triumphal march upon the Pacific coast, others of the Alliance board have made some of the visits acknowledged to be so advantageous to the welfare of the Alliance. Canton and Sharon, Massachusetts have had the honor of receiving the President, who found in each branch devoted women ready for all kinds of work. Miss Field and Mrs. Peterson attended the Southern Conference at Jacksonville, Florida, conducting an Alliance meeting necessarily small, but very satisfactory. The Recording Secretary has had the great pleasure of a visit in Washington, D. C., and attending the annual meeting of the branch. Both church and branch are now most prominent and are maintaining a high standard for others to follow. It is their hope and expectation to build a new church

to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of James Freeman Clarke. One on Sunday, April 3d, in the Church of the Disciples which he founded. The services were largely affectionate tributes from old parishioners and friends. The sermon was preached by Dr. De Normandie and will be found in full in The Christian Register for April 14th. The second meeting was an unusually large gathering in Arlington St. church on the evening of April 4th. Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham conducted the services and addresses of intense interest were given by Rev. Francis G. Peabody, D.D., Rev. George A. Gordon, D.D., Dr. Charles W. Eliot, and Rev. Robert Collyer, D. D. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe read an original poem and the whole meeting was a fine tribute to a "great liberal preacher."

Another anniversary may well be noticed by Alliance members. On September 10th, 1910 will occur the hundredth birthday of Mrs. Gaskell who wrote Cranford and many other stories besides the Life of Charlotte Brontë. The father and husband of Mrs. Gaskell were Unitarian ministers, both widely honored.

At the Unitarian Old Meeting House, Newcastle-under-Lyme, England, an interesting ceremony took place on Sunday evening, March 20th.

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wood family with the Old Chapel during nearly 200 years. Josiah Wedgwood's mother, Mary Stringer, was the daughter of a Unitarian minister, and his sister Katherine in 1754 married William Willett, for nearly 50 years minister of the Old Meeting House.

The Old Chapel was fragrant with memories of great men like Elijah Fenton the poet, Josiah Wedgwood, Dr. Priestley discoverer of oxygen, Charles Darwin, and Samuel Parkes one of the first chemists of his day. Several M.P.'s had been numbered in its list of members, including Josiah Wedgwood, son of the great Josiah, and the present member for Newcastle.

The branch at All Souls, Winnipeg, wishes to thank the different branches and individuals interested, for the helpful letters and many gifts which added much to the display at the Easter sale. In articles and money 145 gifts were received, 63 of them from Massachusetts. From these $71 was made and the sale as a whole netted $125. Through the branch in Washington, D. C. an autographed portrait was received from President Taft, which was bought from the Alliance by the church and will adorn the new church parlor.

The secretary at Bellingham, Washington, is Mrs. F. K. Gillette and not Griffith as printed in the March number. This will account

6, at the Yonkers Church, subject: Theodore Parker.

The branch at Green Harbor, Mass. will hold its annual fair on August 10th and 11th and will gratefully receive any contributions sent out by other branches. This fair is much depended upon for the expenses of the little chapel and is an important occasion for the neighborhood.

Writing from Dix House, Shelter Neck, Mrs. Peterson says, "It is delightful weather down here and like our own June with roses in profusion. The jasmine and dogwood are gone by and the air is heavy with the perfume of the wild azalea. We are eating strawberries from our own garden and have had plenty of lettuce and radishes. Peas are beginning to bloom, a little latter than last year when we had some on the table by the 25th of April."

By the death of Rev. John P. Forbes of Brooklyn, N. Y. the Alliance has lost another loyal friend among the ministers. His dignified presence and his wise and kindly words, always at the service of the Alliance will be long remembered and greatly missed.

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The last report of the clerk at

POST OFFICE MISSION EXCHANGE

Among the thousands of correspondents of the P. O. Mission are many isolated Unitarians for whom this Mission is their Church.

To meet the need of sermons for these correspondents and to supplement the tracts of the A. U. A. the P. O. Mission Exchange was established several years ago.

A few Churches and Alliances have generously contributed to it, but we need more sermons, and we believe if this use of sermons could be more widely known that many churches, alliances and individuals would gladly subscribe the money for printing a sermon by their minister. We should like these sermons to come from all parts of the country.

The printed sermons may be sent to the P. O. Mission Exchange, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., and an equal number by other ministers will be credited to the contributor.

These sermons are useful for church door and other local distribution, and thus a more wide spread knowledge of what our individual ministers are printing becomes incidentally one of the valuable results of this circulation of sermons.

We hope to receive at least five hundred copies of each but we can use a thousand or more. For convenience in mailing we suggest that the sermons do not exceed 4¾ inches by 7¼ inches in size.

put it into such form that it may be carried to those who never have an opportunity to hear liberal preaching.

For the National Post Office Mission Committee.

Mrs. Frederick T. Lord,
25 Beacon St., Boston.

It is gratifying to note the growth of the British League across the water and the acceptance of many of the Alliance methods. They are now establishing a *Church of the Unattached* to reach Unitarians living at a distance from a congenial church. The British Association has also begun the issue of a bulletin called WORD AND WORK. The Alliance should keep in close touch with the League which has advanced so rapidly and will have so many helpful suggestions to make.

Branches having prepared By-laws which have proved useful are requested to send copies to the secretary who is often asked for simple rules for branch work. By-laws for a Junior Alliance are much desired.

It is suggested to branches receiving visits from directors as well as invited speakers that it is a gracious duty to present the guest with the amount of traveling expense incurred. Even if it is only ten cents the principle is the same and several

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Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Directors' Meeting

The ninth regular meeting of the Executive Board of the National Young People's Religious Union for 1909–1910 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, April 5, 1910, at 2.30 o'clock.

President Saunderson presided and there were present: Mr. Bates, Miss Faxon, Mr. McMurdie, Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Sturtevant, and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting, the monthly reports of the secretary and treasurer, and the month's bills were approved.

Rev. F. R. Sturtevant of the Policy Committee read the report that this committee will present at the Annual Meeting.

An account was given of Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff's very successful field-work trip. It is a source of great satisfaction that our Field Work this year has been so extensive and successful.

The plans for the Annual Meeting were thoroughly discussed.

GRACE R. TORR,
Secretary.

Boston Federation

East Boston, Mass. The afternoon session, commencing at four o'clock, was devoted to reports from the unions of their work for the year, the election of officers, and general business discussion of the work of the past year, with plans for the following year. Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff, on behalf of the East Boston Church, made an address of welcome to the federation.

The evening meeting, commencing at half-past seven, had for its general topic, "What We Wish to do as Unitarians." Three speakers presented different phases of the question: Rev. George Hale Reed of Belmont, Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Brighton, and Mr. Percy A. Atherton of Boston, the latter from a layman's point of view.

Miss Ethel Simpson rendered a violin selection, and the chorus choir of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Louise Wood Forest, contributed to the music of the evening.

Life Memberships

Two additional Life Members are reported this month, making our total at present 154. These additions are:

153. Mrs. A. George Bullock, Worcester, Mass.

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that our Life Membership list has grown so much this past year; there has already been an increase of seventy since the last Annual Meeting.

Miss Melvin has kept steadily at work since the fair, and it is to her efforts that the greater part of the additions have been made.

It has already been suggested that each union make some one a Life Member; and in several instances this has been done for the minister. There is no reason why a faithful president, or secretary, or other officer, may not be honored in a similar way.

The Annual Meeting

Anniversary Week is a time looked forward to by the large body of our people; and the young people of our denomination are already planning for their special day which is to be Thursday, May 26, when we want as large a representation as possible.

Several of the unions pay the expenses of a delegate or two, an example that it might be well for others to follow.

The meeting will take place in the Second Church, Copley Square, Boston, Mass., as usual. The business session will be held at two o'clock, with the election of officers, reports, etc. Following this an informal reception will be held in the church parlors, after which the Boston Federation will serve supper.

Each society, having paid its annual dues for 1909-1910 is entitled to three voting delegates, the tickets 21, should notify National Secretary at once. It is well to select delegates early, before your meetings cease for the season, and quite in keeping to request that a report of the business meeting be brought back to the local society. Often at the first meeting in the fall a brief period is devoted to such a report.

At half-past seven the customary public meeting will be held in the church auditorium, when addresses will be given by Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff and Rev. Henry W. Foote, each of whom has been active in field work this year. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Hospitality During Anniversary Week

The Boston Federation, in cooperation with the Unitarian Hospitality Committee, is planning for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the Young People's Religious Union meetings to be held Thursday afternoon and evening, May 26, 1910, at the Second Church, Copley Square, Boston.

The officers of the Young Peoples' Religious Union will receive at the conclusion of the afternoon session, and at 6.15 a collation will be served to which all delegates are cordially invited.

Through the courtesy of the larger committee, delegates will be welcome on Thursday, May 26, to the luncheon at Bulfinch Place Church, upon appli-

in Boston over night will be gladly entertained by members of the Boston Federation. Write to Miss Grace R. Torr (Secretary of the Unitarian Hospitality Committee for Anniversary Week), 25 Beacon St., Boston, before May 14.

MINNIE PACKARD, *Chairman*,
CHESTER N. ROGERS,
GEORGE AMES,
Hospitality Committee of the Boston Federation.

Dates to be Noted

Unitarian Reception, Monday evening, May 23, at the Somerset Hotel, Boston.

Annual Meeting, Y. P. R. U., Thursday, May 26, at the Second Church, Boston.

Y. P. R. U. Day at the Shoals, Wednesday, July 13.

"Student Assistants"

The Policy Committee at last year's Annual Meeting recommended that $100 be contributed for the work in the college-town church at Urbana, Illinois. This recommendation was heartily adopted and accordingly this sum of money has been forwarded for the employment of two students to assist Mr. Vail in special work among the students themselves.

Rev. Albert R. Vail, the minister, writes in acknowledgment: "Thank you for the check for 'student assistants.' We have two students, Mr. Sangulee and Miss Taylor, enlisted might be interested. They greet students at the services, get new names, act as host and hostess at the Young Peoples' Meeting, arrange social affairs, enlist as many students as possible in the preparation of young people's Sunday evening suppers, socials, etc., and also endeavor to draw as many new students into church services as possible through these social affairs. They are now engaged in a special campaign for members to the Unity Club and the church. The results up to date are capital. You know not how heartily we appreciate the appropriation to us."

Our Special Day at the Shoals

Before the unions finish their work for the season, it is hoped that some attention will be given to the matter of the Shoals meetings. The young people of our denomination are allowed one day, known as Young People's Day. An especially attractive program has been prepared for our day this year; and it is expected that the unions easily accessible to the New England coast will see that representatives are present on that day, July 13.

Rev. Sidney B. Snow of Concord, N. H. will address the forenoon meeting. Rev. Henry W. Foote of Ann Arbor, Mich., will speak at the delegate meeting following, and Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York is to give the evening address.

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Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Association proved to be interesting and stimulating. There were spirited debates over some resolutions which while earnest were not acrimonious. The address of the President and the report of the Secretary have been published in the *Register*. Abstracts of the Department reports are given in this number of WORD AND WORK. The year that closes with this Annual Meeting has not been a year marked by striking events but a year of steady and healthy growth and progress in all the Departments of the Association. The financial record has been one of especial encouragement. The total receipts of the treasurer amounted to $283,446.90. They are divided as follows: Gifts of churches, Sunday-schools, Alliances and individuals, for missionary purposes, $74,212.28. Gifts and bequests for increase of endowment ing Loan Fund, $18,841.52. Receipts from the sales of publications, $10,075.34.

Publication Department. The printing and distribution of tracts for the past year has amounted to 542,500 copies, as against 364,000 last year, and 387,000 for the year before that, this latter quantity being the largest ever distributed by the Association until the year just closed. About half of this increase is accounted for by the publication of Dr. Charles W. Eliot's "The Religion of the Future," of which 75,000 copies have been printed. The Social Service Series, a new group of pamphlets, has swelled the total by 27,500 copies. Of Channing's "Discourses and Essays" 85 copies have been given to settled ministers and theological students of all denominations. Nine issues of WORD AND WORK have been published, the cir-

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have been sold, only 37 copies short of the 11,264 of last year, which was the highest record that the Department has ever had. 1,278 Hymn and Service books have also been sold, making a total of 12,505 books of all kinds. The excellent advance made last year over the total sales of the previous year has been well maintained, indicating a healthful and permanent growth in the business of the Department.

Last autumn the Department inaugurated a plan of exhibiting and selling the publications of the Association to our congregations through the co-operation of parish representatives, with the purpose of establishing local depositories for the best and most salable of the Association's books, so that the members of our churches could have the direct opportunity of looking over the books and conveniently purchasing.

The project was put into execution to the extent of sending out 142 shipments to as many different churches, all the way from Maine to Texas and from Florida to the Pacific Coast. About 6,500 books were included in these parcels, representing a total net value of approximately $3,800. As books were sold during the autumn the depleted exhibits were replenished by supplementary shipments. The results both in a missionary and financial way have been gratifying, some 2,500 volumes with the Unita-

In October the Department began the regular issue on the first day of each month in paper covers of some of the best of the older books published by the Association,—at prices which are in most cases but one-third or one-fourth of the previous prices in cloth. These prices represent in nearly every instance only a few cents more than the actual cost of the books, some of which are being reprinted for these special editions. This "Great Affirmations" Series, as it is called, thus puts within reach of all, at the nearly uniform price of 25 cents each, excellent books of large and permanent worth.

Department of Foreign Relations.

The Department has, during the past year, devoted itself primarily to furthering the interests of the approaching fifth meeting of the International Council, to be held August 6th to 10th in Berlin, Germany, by invitation of various liberal religious associations of that country, under the name "World-Congress of Free Christianity and Religious Progress."

In the summer of 1909 the Secretary of the Committee, who is also Executive Secretary of the International Council, visited various European communities in the interests of the forthcoming Congress. In England he addressed various audiences and conferred with committees

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Congress, participated in the 400th anniversary of the National (Calvinistic) Church of Geneva, and took part in the 350th anniversary of its university. In Germany, after visiting various cities and college towns, the Secretary met in Berlin, for prolonged conference, the German local committee on the Congress. A provisional program for the meetings which he submitted was adopted. Copenhagen and Bremen were also visited. Over 200 delegates from America will participate in the Berlin meetings next summer, including 50 ministers.

The Unitarian Mission sustained for twenty years past by our denomination in Japan has undergone considerable changes during the past year, changes which we are confident will add greatly to its efficiency. As will be remembered, Rev. Clay MacCauley, was for nearly ten years the greatly respected head of this mission. In 1900 he returned to the United States, leaving the work of the mission in native hands. Last summer, at the request of the Directors of the American Unitarian Association, Dr. MacCauley returned to Japan as its representative. Since his arrival he has rendered our cause admirable service.

Our fraternal alliance with the British Unitarians is a source of inspiration and strength to us. With other branches of the Liberal Church throughout the world, our Association holds relations of increasing good will. In Latin countries, France especially, our name is proudly as-

mind. Recently a fraternal address has been received by our Association from The National Protestant Church of Geneva, the latter-day disciples of Calvin, and has been framed and hung permanently on our walls. From far-off India our Theistic allies send greetings and God-speed.

Department of Church Extension.

Aid has been granted to upwards of 103 churches and missions. Some of the appropriations are made to the Societies, some are made to the ministers serving one or more preaching stations. The total amount of the expenditure of the Association in this work of church extension, not counting the salaries of the national officers, amounts to upward of $57,508.00.

The growth of the aided churches toward self-support is slow. Only three churches, those of Littleton, N. H., Erie, Pa., and Passaic, N. J., have this year attained independency. Others, like the Society at Schenectady, N. Y., Lancaster, Pa., and Jacksonville, Fla., which are now well-housed in suitable buildings, make steady and reliable gains, but the majority continue to ask for appropriations as large, if not larger, than those heretofore granted. The President and the Secretary of the Association, the Field-Secretaries, and the lecturers on the Billings foundation, have personally visited nearly all of the aided churches, all of the new missions, and many other of our Societies.

Fourteen new Societies have been

Mass., heretofore an independent Society, brings into our fellowship a strong constituency and a handsome property. The Pilgrim Church in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., comes to us from the Congregational body, and the Bethany Church in Denver, Colorado, from the Baptists. The former is as yet without property and the latter has a small church building. Another new Society is that at Waterbury, Ct., which is a union church in fellowship with both the Unitarian and the Universalist communions. A strong Society has been organized at Sanford, Maine, and is self-supporting from the start. At Potter Place, N. H., a union church has been organized, ministered to by the minister resident at Andover, N. H. A new college town church has been planted at Eugene, Oregon. Two new Societies have been organized in connection with the Icelandic Unitarian Conference in Manitoba. These are situated in the towns of Otto and Arnes. A promising new movement has been launched in the city of Dayton, Ohio. Three Societies have been formed in the Canadian Northwest, namely at Calgary, Alberta; Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

Five Societies have completed handsome and adequate church buildings. These are at Andover, N. H., Petersham, Mass., New London, Ct., Waterbury, Ct., and Allegheny, Pa. Fourteen Societies are either watching the construction of their new buildings or planning to build during the coming summer. Chestnut Hill, Mass. Two simple meeting-houses are building for the Societies at Dalbo, Minn., and Bendon, Mich. Ground has been broken for the new church at San Diego, Cal. Plans have been accepted and the money raised for new churches at Duluth, Minn., Eureka, Fresno, and Woodland, Cal. The Societies in Washington, D. C., Indianapolis, Ind., Morgantown, W. Va., and West Somerville, Mass., all expect to build within a short time.

Commodious new Parish Houses have been built and dedicated at Waverly, Mass., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Third Society), New Brighton, N. Y., Hanska, Minn., Berkeley and Pomona, Cal., and the new Parish House at Madison, Wis., is fast approaching completion. New parsonages have been acquired for the parishes of Newburgh, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa. (First Church), and Richmond, Va.

The usual circuit preaching in North Carolina, Northern Michigan, in Manitoba and in Minnesota, has been carried forward successfully, and many of our settled ministers report preaching stations in their own neighberhood. Summer work at coast and mountain resorts has been actively developed.

Publicity Department. During the past year the various enterprises and methods of work already originated by the Department have been carried on with good success. The principal work of the year has been the publication of The

during the year. As a result, the circulation has grown to 11,000.

Many churches have been assisted in their local publicity work during the year. Several editions of "The Church of the Modern Spirit" have been printed for a number of churches. In the West especially the distribution of the booklet has met with good success. In Montclair, N. J., 2,000 copies were mailed with other literature and postals for reply—the method adopted being the most thoroughly systematic thus far used by any of our churches.

The Paragraph Pulpit has been published at various points but not to the same extent as last year. In every case, as in Jacksonville, Fla., the Department has only shared in the expense of publication. In several places the publication has continued through the year, as in Braintree, Bridgewater, and East Boston, Mass.

The Secretary has addressed many meetings during the year, besides preaching practically every Sunday. During March he made a missionary trip through Ohio and West Virginia, holding, with Rev. E. C. Smith, of Chicago, a series of meetings in Dayton, Ohio, with the result that a promising movement was inaugurated.

During the summer of 1909 the Secretary took charge of the summer open-air work of the Association. Eight men were sent out to four New

Department of New Americans.

The work among the Norwegians in Minnesota goes steadily forward under the wise and experienced direction of Rev. Amandus Norman. Mr. Lief Huseby of the Meadville Theological School has given his summer vacations to the work. Mr. Norman makes his headquarters at Hanska, where the new parish house is nearly completed. He keeps in touch with the other Norwegian societies and preaching stations in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and issues a monthly magazine in the interests of liberal religion.

The work among the Swedes in and about Chicago has continued under the direction of Rev. August Dellgren. He leads the Swedish Society in the city and maintains preaching stations in the neighborhood. In Isanti County, Minnesota, the work is under the charge of Rev. David Holmgren, who has organized societies at Dalbo and Springvale and has a considerable circuit in other parts of the County.

The Icelandic Societies in Manitoba are under the general charge of Rev. Rognvaldur Petursson, with headquarters at Winnipeg, and it is there that the Icelandic Unitarian Association holds its meetings. Rev. Gudmundur Arnason serves as minister of the flourishing Society in Winnipeg, which is now well on the way toward self support and Rev

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people. He will make his headquarters at Duluth, Minn.

Mr. Francis P. Malgeri has continued his most valuable work among the Italians of Greater Boston, and in such other places as his services have been called for. He renders much assistance at the Social Service Department of the Massachusetts General Hospital in dealing with cases among Italians, he has regular hours at Denison House, connects Italians in distress with the proper relief agency, assists them in obtaining work, helps those who are suffering injustice by reason of ignorance or poverty to obtain redress, organizes social work in Boston and elsewhere, addresses many public meetings of Italians on civic duties and privileges, and in numberless ways promotes the welfare of his countrymen.

Department of Comity and Fellowship.

The past year has been fruitful in encouraging displays of interdenominational comity and interchanges of sentiment and service. With the Universalist body especially, our relations are increasingly cordial and sympathetic. Notably is this shown by the recent joint action of the two bodies in establishing at New London and Waterbury, Ct., churches whose membership and denominational affiliations are both Unitarian and Universalist. The large participation of Universalist as well of spirit and endeavor. No less than thirty Universalist ministers and laymen are enrolled in the company of American delegates to the International Council at Berlin in August next.

Between the representatives of Liberal Orthodoxy, so-called, and the Unitarian fellowship there is increasing good will and co-operation. For the most part these displays of religious breadth and sympathy are of a nature which does not lend itself to public report and comment. On last Forefather's Day, in Pilgrim Hall, Boston, the two branches of the Congregational Church of New England, so long separated, held a joint meeting, addressed by the President of the American Unitarian Association as well as by the prominent representatives of modern New England orthodoxy. A similar and hardly less notable gathering was held in the Old Meeting House in Hingham, while on the succeeding Sunday the Trinitarian and Unitarian ministers of the towns in Plymouth County exchanged pulpits. In the Berlin Congress, in which Unitarians bear so active a part, Americans representing at least ten different denominations will participate. Among these the Liberal Friends and the Reformed Jews display especial interest in the ideals and work of the Congress, and their co-operation is greatly prized.

The Department has taken much

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Department of Education. The Secretary of the Department was commissioned by the Directors to aid in the work of the college town churches, to co-operate with the endeavors of the Young People's Religious Union, to deal with matters connected with the preparation of candidates for the ministry, to visit and encourage the schools which are under Unitarian administration, and to advise in regard to the use of the income of the Educational Funds administered by the Association.

In the six months of his service the Secretary has visited our churches in the college towns of Ithaca, N. Y., Lawrence, Kans., Urbana, Ill., Lincoln, Neb., and Madison, Wis., and has spoken to Unitarian gatherings at Brookings, S. D., and at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He has also visited Columbia, Missouri; Columbus, Ohio; and Grand Forks, North Dakota; college towns where at present we have no church. He has spoken to young people's gatherings at Topeka, Kansas; Omaha, Neb.; and Bloomington, Ill.; has visited our church in Exeter, N. H.; the Hackley School at Tarrytown, N. Y., and Proctor Academy at Andover, N. H.; and has spent a day at Danville, Kentucky, in connection with the proposed Industrial School there. He has also visited the Meadville Theological School, attended the meeting of the Religious Education Association at Nashville, and maintained the regular work of the pastorate at Ann Arbor. Our towns can hardly be exaggerated. We have no greater opportunity of helping to mold the national ideals for the next fifty years.

Department of Social and Public Service. The following schedule indicates the directions in which the Department has been at work in the past year: 1. Information. 2. Education. 3. Publication. 4. Legislation. 5. Organization. 6. Co-operation.

1. The work of supplying information and counsel to the ministers and people of our churches upon matters of civic and philanthropic interest has greatly increased. There have been many inquiries about forms of social service which the parishes have wanted to undertake; and quite as often about the conduct of larger efforts for the common good in which our people have wished to co-operate with others beyond the parish boundaries.

2. Education. (a) A Lecture List has been prepared by the Department, printed and distributed. It gives the names and addresses of 165 Unitarian ministers who stand ready to give their services to churches, clubs, and alliances for lectures on some five hundred literary, social and religious subjects. (b) During the year twenty-seven new books, besides a number of reports, have been added to the Social Service Library. This library is for the use of all our ministers and people who may be interested in social questions.

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jects. This has been done and in the next year it is proposed to extend this form of service by issuing several printed suggestions of reading courses in sociology, economics, etc., and to provide, if there shall be sufficient call for them, small libraries which may be kept a reasonable length of time by those to whom the books suggested in the published lists are not available. (d) The Department initiates and helps to organize social service institutes and conferences. These institutes are particularly adapted to the smaller towns. Such places have social problems which are quite as difficult for them to solve as any which the cities have to meet, and they have neither the resources nor the expert knowledge which the cities can command. Specimen programmes will be furnished by the Secretary and he is always glad to cooperate in securing expert speakers. (e) The Secretary has given sixty-nine lectures, addresses and sermons within the year besides presiding at nineteen of the People's Meetings held on Sunday evenings in Cambridge and attending numerous committee meetings. He has thus been able to make suggestions for practical work in many places and in all kinds of situations.

3. Publication. On the first of each month the Department issues the social service Bulletin, of which the purpose, according to the prospectus, "is to offer suggestions for the conduct of work for the common good in our churches, and also to have been received with favor, and have had so wide a circulation that it has been necessary to reprint the first six numbers and to increase the editions of the later issues.

4. Legislation. The Department endeavors to be of service in respect to legislation in two ways: (1) by calling attention to approved bills which it would be desirable to have enacted into law, and (2) by rousing opposition to objectionable bills which it would be unfortunate to have passed.

5. Organization. In the fall of 1909 a series of People's Meetings for the discussion of social and civic questions was organized in Cambridge, Mass. They were held on Sunday evenings, for the most part in the parish house of the First Parish Church, from November to April. The meetings were eminently successful and unusually representative. Capitalists and labor men, university professors, professional people, socialists, tax reformers, business men, clerks, and men and women of leisure were present at the more notable meetings. The effect of the conferences was felt in the growth of a spirit of tolerance, in the acknowledgment that it is possible to be sincerely devoted to the common welfare and yet hold widely differing opinions on social theories, and in the development of mutual respect and sympathy among those who would rarely know each other were it not for such gatherings as these. The churches have won increased respect by their will-

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has continued its membership in the American Prison Association, The National Conference of Charities and Correction, the Massachusetts Civic League, the Playground Association of America, and the National Health League. The Secretary of the Department has represented the Association at the Buffalo meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, at the Conferences of the Massachusetts Civic League at Springfield, the Country Church Association and the National Child Labor Committee at Boston, and at the Boston meetings of the Massachusetts Conference of Charities.

7. The work among the Italians in Eastern Massachusetts is described in the report of the Department of New Americans, but as that Department has no executive officer the work has been carried forward under the auspices of the Department of Social and Public Service, with which it is closely allied.

Ministerial Aid. From the income of the Ministerial Aid Fund, the Rebecca Warren Fund, and the Judah Monis Fund, aid to the amount of $4,065 has been given during the year to forty-two ministers and two widows of ministers.

In accordance with the agreement entered into by the Directors of the Association by which the Association acts as the Trustee of the Funds of the Unitarian Service Pension Society, the Treasurer has, under the instruction of the Directors of that for the Unitarian Service Reunion Society. The Association, as Trustee for this Society, has received gifts and contributions for this endowment to the amount of $42,015.00.

Church Building Loan Fund. During the year the capital of the fund has been increased by the sum of $1,406.30, so that the principal now amounts to $148,675.38. Six societies have completed payments, and new loans to the amount of $18,500.00 have been made to four churches. These new loans have been to Societies in Lancaster, Pa., Hanska, Minn., Duluth, Minn., and an additional loan to Dunkirk, N. Y. There are now outstanding loans to fifty-six churches and the total amount loaned since the foundation of the fund has been $455,680.00 in 173 loans.

Library. The library has received by gift and purchase 186 bound volumes and 200 pamphlets. These have been catalogued and shelved and 1135 cards have been written. The accessions have filled almost all the remaining space upon the shelves and there will soon be need of additional cases.

The sets of lantern slides have been used for lecture and illustrative purposes by ministers in all parts of the country, and have travelled from Eastport, Maine, to Eureka, Cal.

A number of new pictures have been added either by gift or loan to the collections at the Headquarters. These include an oil painting of Dr

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Wright, and several photographs of churches. Rev. Clay MacCauley has added to the slide collections a set of beautiful slides illustrating life and scenery in Japan.

Social Service Resolutions.

At the Annual Meeting three resolutions were adopted which had reference to the work of the Department of Social and Public Service, and to the relation existing between the churches and philanthropic and social reform movements. The first of these called attention to the social service institutes and the people's meetings of which mention was made in the report of the Department.

As an expression of our great interest in the work of the recently established Department of Social and Public Service, be it

Resolved, that we heartily commend to our fellowship the Social Service Institutes, or Conferences, and the People's Meetings, typical of which is the noteworthy series of Sunday Evening Conferences recently held in Cambridge, Mass., for the untrammelled discussion of social and civic questions and for the presentation of expert knowledge on the social problems of the times.

In accordance with this resolution three institutes are already under consideration for this fall, and a group [illegible]nge for

in the following resolution, thus adding the Unitarian Churches to the list of religious bodies which have appointed similar commissions.

Whereas it is today universally conceded that a real and intimate relation exists between the church, or churches, and all works of philanthropy and social reform, and

Whereas, in the growing complexity of modern life, it is increasingly difficult to determine how the church, or churches, shall manifest a recognition of this relationship and act thereupon, therefore,

Be it *Resolved*, That the president of this Association through its Social Service Department be, and hereby is, requested to appoint, as soon as convenient, a Commission of fifteen members, comprising both ministers and laymen, and including representatives of all sharply-defined points of view, to be known as the "Unitarian Commission on the Church and the Social Question," which Commission shall be charged with the task of defining specifically the contribution which the churches, both individually and in their collective capacity, can and should make to the work of social progress and reform.

Finally, as an expression of the interest of our churches in the various movements for the promotion of the common welfare, the President of the Association was requested to send fraternal delegates to the con-

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Unitarian House, Chautauqua, N. Y.

The American Unitarian Association maintains Unitarian House in Chautauqua to offer hospitality to all Unitarians and liberals who may visit that great summer university by the lake. It is open throughout July and August and is in charge of Rev. and Mrs. William Channing Brown. Public services of worship, a reading table, free tracts and a free circulating library are maintained. On July 20, Wednesday afternoon, a Unitarian conference will be held in our house. The subject: "College Trained Men and Women: How the Unitarian Church is Helping Some of Them — Might it Help More?" The speakers are Mr. John Graham Brooks, expert on social questions, Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, Secretary of the Department of Education of the American Unitarian Association and Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, D.D., minister of our church in Cambridge, Mass. All are cordially invited to attend this conference. On the following day, Thursday morning, there will be a minister's meeting to which all Unitarian ministers are invited. On the evening of Thursday the 21st a reception in honor of Dr. Crothers will be held at Unitarian House and all are welcome.

The week of our Conference, July 17-23, is especially interesting. On the general program Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams, Bishop of Michigan, gives sermon and devotional hours. John Graham Brooks reading hour each day, two evening concerts and two recitals, beside a moving picture program, the week is full of variety and interest.

Unitarian Headquarters will be of service to all who wish to go to Chautauqua in any way open to it. For information address, Rev. William Channing Brown, Littleton, Mass., to July 1st. Box 174 Chautauqua, N. Y., after July 1st.

At West Roxbury Meeting House.

Beginning June 12 as in former years there will be a series of four open air services on the grass at the side of the old West Roxbury Meeting House, corner of Church and Centre Streets, Bellevue Station.

The first service will be conducted by the Rev. George L. Cady of Dorchester and the music will be led by the Page Class Chorus of Roxbury. June 19 will be a service in memory of Theodore Parker, whose only settlement was over the society that worshipped in this meeting house on June 21, 1837. This service will be conducted by the Rev. Francis H. Rowley, D. D., with addresses by Mr. Edwin D. Mead and Rev. Charles W. Wendte, D. D., who personally knew Mr. Parker. The third service on June 26 will be conducted by Rev. Edward Hale of Brookline, and the fourth and last service on July 3 will be by Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, D. D., of Cambridge.

These services are held at five o'clock in the afternoon. Both steam and electric cars stopping at Bellevue

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The two meetings announced to be held by the Alliance during the May anniversaries in Boston have been thoroughly carried out without disappointment or drawback. The audience at the public meeting on Monday, May 23d, filled the South Congregational Church to overflowing, some turning away from lack of seats. Miss Low presided and the welcome was given by the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Cummings, who offered his greeting "in the spirit of Dr. Hale."

In the same spirit, Mrs. J. W. Andrews the first president of the Alliance, sent a lovely basket of pansies with this letter:

"IN MEMORIAM.— Pansies were Dr. Hale's favorite flowers; he often called them God's little children.

Your old associate, Mrs. Andrews, sends these pansies to the church today, in loving memory of the warm welcomes Dr. Hale has given for so many years to the National Alliance, and then with tender reverence led it to the Father for guidance and strength. She also sends her loving greetings to each and all of you, with

Elizabeth, N. J., whose subject was "Loyalty to the National Alliance." She told of the good work formerly done by women, of their faithfulness and devotion; then of the debt owing to the organizers of the Alliance, their wisdom and foresight and the great results accomplished, and thirdly of the present opportunities offered women for loyal service, and in quickening the religious life of the community.

Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell of Greenfield, Mass., who spoke on "The Local Alliance and Social Work." He praised the work of the Alliance and said its members could attend to social reforms better than women of other churches because they were less concerned with foreign missions. To make their influence avail they should make themselves conversant with local conditions and inform themselves respecting all legislation necessary. The Alliance can do much to create helpful social activities in the church.

Rev. Elvin J. Prescott with ardor and enthusiasm told the story of "The New Movement in Sanford,

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a few words for Chautauqua giving the audience a cordial invitation to go there and Mrs. U. G. B. Pierce of Washington availed herself of the opportunity to speak of the new church and parish house so much needed in Washington and which it is hoped will be built to perpetuate the name of Dr. Hale. Every Alliance woman will be interested in this.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday morning, May 24th, also in the South Congregational Church. The church was filled although only 289 credentials were received at the door.

It was somewhat surprising that only twenty delegate's cards came by mail, as every branch is entitled to representation and even in this way keeps closer in touch with the Executive Board. The name of a delegate often supplies the means of communication with a branch not otherwise furnished.

This was the business meeting of the year and reports were read by the Recording Secretary, and the chairman of the committees on Post Office Mission, Cheerful Letter Exchange, Appeals, Finance and Credentials. These reports with the Treasurer's annual statement in full will also be printed in the Manual which will be sent to each branch in October. It is important that attention should be given to these reports, especially by those branches from which no delegate could attend the meeting. Every member should question of money seems to need explanation. It will be seen that only a very small part of all the money raised by the branches is used for the machinery of the executive board or even in answering the appeals recommended, thus showing that the branches are quite free in their own disbursements and in their own choice of missionary work. This year every appeal known as "National," that is, presented by the National Executive Board has been promptly answered and completed, nearly $3,000 having been distributed.

A proposition offered by the chairman of the Post Office Mission committee that the name of the committee be changed caused a discussion. Mrs. Lord wished for a name that should be more inclusive, showing the broader work done and suggested "The Committee on Distribution of Literature," with sub-divisions "Neighborhood, Parish, Post Office Mission." The "sense of the meeting" was in approval of the change although there was opposition from among the members who had been Post Office Mission workers for many years. Mrs. Wells-Smith, who wrote the story of Sallie Ellis and has been prominent in the Post Office Mission from the beginning, strongly deprecated a change of name or making less prominent the Post-Office Mission.

The question will be most carefully considered by the Executive Board, and all interested will have time and opportunity to hear the reasons for and against.

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journey to the Pacific Coast. For very nearly an hour she commanded the close attention of the audience while she told the story of the trip and the conditions of the many branches she visited. She was not only welcomed everywhere but was received with enthusiasm. Several new branches were formed in places where church movements have recently resulted in organization; older societies that were visited by the recording secretary ten years ago and by the president five years ago declared themselves invigorated and helped by Mrs. Davis; and better still the few branches and churches that had become discouraged and depressed were given a new impetus and filled with a new courage. The Executive Board has always felt that Alliance money is put to a good use in sending representatives from one section of the country to another, helping as in hardly any other way to maintain the national character of the Alliance.

The following resolutions were unanimously carried.

The National Alliance in annual meeting assembled, appreciating the noble work and splendid co-operation of the British League sends affectionate greetings and good wishes for the coming year.

Offered by Mrs. Atherton.

The National Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women anniversary of the American Unitarian Association, Professor Boros won our esteem and aroused our interest in his people. His gift of "A Book of Prayers for Women" is appreciatively recalled. The Alliance with its 380 branches and 17,000 women believes so strongly in co-operation, it values so highly its own organization, that it takes advantage of the occasion to urge the sisters in Hungary to band themselves together in one national society like the British League and the Alliance in America, to quicken the religious life of the churches and bring the women into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship. God hasten the day when we may all stand together in one international federation of liberal women! . . . . . .

Messages of sympathy and affection were voted to Mrs. Andrews the Alliance ex-president, to Mrs. Forbes, recently the Middle States vice-president and to Miss Clarke who has served the Alliance many years on important committees, all now detained at home by illness.

The hearty congratulations and good wishes of the Alliance were also sent to Julia Ward Howe whose ninety-first birthday occurs May 27th and who has always been the firm friend of the Alliance and a co-adjutor in all its work.

The last meeting of the New

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Edward Everett Hale." The autumn meeting will be held in Kennebunk, Maine, during the first week in October. The newly elected secretary, who is also the treasurer, is Miss Jessie M. Fisher, 217 Church St., Newton, Mass.

The Missouri Valley Associate Alliance met at Lawrence, Kansas, on April 29th, with fifty-five delegates present and had a most successful meeting with a programme enlivened with excellent music. The branch at Lawrence has helped to purchase a pipe organ for the church; the Topeka branch has given a considerable amount towards the minister's salary; Kansas City reported a successful sale and all had a good story to tell. The morning session closed with a biographical sketch of Mrs. B. Ward Dix by Mrs. Alfred Whitman. Three interesting papers occupied the afternoon.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

It is one of the duties of a secretary to make a report each year, and we do not know how we can better open our budget this May day than by reviewing the things that have happened since the May time we chronicled a year ago.

The year now closing has been in many respects a satisfactory one, and the unchanging success of the Alliance gives us ground for honest congratulation.

Fifteen new branches have been formed, one in Maine, two in Massachusetts, two in New York, two in Washington and one each in Michigan, West Virginia, California, Oregon, Arizonia, Canada and two in British Columbia.

The meetings of the Executive Board [illegible] tion with the sessions of the National Conference. As members of the board came from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado, California and Canada, a most advantageous opportunity was given for discussion of Alliance problems and interchange of ideas.

In many parts of our country Unitarianism is almost unknown and the Alliance is a new and untried work needing explanation and advocacy, so it was well to bring these officials together for consultation.

For this same reason officers have been sent to various sections as often as the national treasury would permit. Mrs. Mersereau attended the Conference at St. Paul, Mrs. Peterson was sent to Jacksonville for the Southern Conference, our President has been at the Middle States Conference and lastly the Corresponding Secretary has made the long-projected journey to the Pacific Coast of which you will hear a full account. This has been the great achievement of the year.

The various Associate Alliance branches holding periodical meetings are of great value in increasing a knowledge of the plans and purposes of the Alliance, creating fellowship and co-operation in its work. The addition of the Wisconsin Associate Alliance this year makes the number thirteen.

The denominational paper WORD AND WORK undoubtedly does much to extend information and bring all branches into communication with each other and with the Executive Board.

The reports upon which such emphasis has always been laid have been unusually full and carefully prepared. Mere items only can appear in WORD AND WORK and the reports *seem* to be an endless iteration, but it is not so. They tell of success and failure, of the small beginning and the prosperous outcome, of struggle and courageous persistence in one place and of easy well-doing in another, of self-sacrifice and generous giving and best of all of the growing zeal and enthusiasm for religious

More changes have been made in the Executive Board than in any year before. By increase in numbers Massachusetts and New York have each been able to secure an additional director, making four in New York and nineteen in Massachusetts. The resignation of the Vice-President for the Middle States caused sorrow to all and the vacancy remains unfilled. The director for Nebraska resigned as did the director for Vermont the latter position only being filled. Three places in the Massachusetts directorate have been made vacant, two by resignation and one by the death of the lamented Mrs. Clifford whose genial presence and ready counsel have been much missed by the board. The branches which were assigned to her became her peculiar charge, receiving special attention and guidance and her memory will always be a source of gratitude.

We must not fill our annual report with obituaries, but the record would be incomplete without regretful mention of the loss sustained by the death of Mrs. Mary W. McKittrick of St. Louis formerly vice-president for the Middle West; of Mrs. Sarah Fairfield Hamilton for many years the enthusiastic director for Maine; of Mrs. Victoria M. Richardson of Illinois, a director from the beginning in the old Auxiliary and continuing in the Alliance, a staunch supporter of the new organization at a critical time in its history; and of our former president Mrs. Harriet E. Dix. Although retired from official connection with the board, her experience and advice were always available and generously given to the Alliance which now feels like an orphan child.

Others this week will pay fitting tribute to Dr. Edward Everett Hale and Rev. John P. Forbes, but among all who have this year passed out of this life, these two will be always remembered as loyal friends of the Alliance and their death has made the year eventful.

As will be seen from the special reports the standing committees of the Alliance have faithfully cared for the part entrusted various ways and is not altogether confined to the mail bag.

The Cheerful Letter is at last self-supporting and the Exchange committee has re-organized itself economically. Each committee will make its own plea for recognition and support which it should have from every branch.

If the chairman of the committee on Appeals does not speak boastfully enough in her report we must speak for her. If an appeal once touches her heart and wins the approval of her head the amount needed is sure to be forthcoming, for no branch can resist her forceful presentation.

The committee on Study Classes has given consideration to lending papers and subjects for study and made helpful suggestions to branches. A new Leaflet is in process of writing.

The clerk's reports each month show the increasing applications for books from the Lending Library. The care of this adds to the duties of the clerk at headquarters which is one of the busiest rooms on the top floor of the Channing Building. The office of Headquarters Committee is no sinecure.

Our missionary work in the south continues to be of absorbing interest. Both chapel and school wherever established meet a great need. The regular circuit preaching has been somewhat interrupted by the resignation of both Rev. Mr. Gillilan and Rev. Mr. Gibson. Mr. Gillilan was much liked and his service was untiring, but being handicapped by blindness the demands made upon him were greater than he could always meet without difficulty and he withdrew. Rev. Mr. Key has been doing double duty and with the help of Mrs. Peterson who has been in North Carolina all winter the circuit has not suffered.

Our greater loss has been in the Florida-Georgia circuit. Mr. Gibson has had charge of that section from the first and has accomplished a really conspicuous work, but he has been in failing health for some time and the Alliance had no alter-

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the work waiting in this circuit where the opportunities for real missionary service offer prospects of sure reward. The Alliance lends its influence to these schools and recommends the branches to appropriate money.

Grace Chapel at Green Harbor, Massachusetts, continues a point of interest and care. The people are doing their utmost. The Chapel is kept in good repair and this year by great effort, a piece of land adjoining the parsonage has been purchased to prevent encroachment. This makes the property more symmetrical and more valuable. The Alliance may be proud of its Mission church on this far away eastern shore.

The committee on College Girls inaugurated last year, has pushed its work successfully, reaching many colleges and interesting Alliance members in college towns to make the acquaintance of Unitarian girls and keep them in association with churches of their own faith. It has been gratifying to find that among other projects of the Alliance this has been adopted and enlarged upon by our friends across the sea, the British League.

All gifts of money will be reported by the treasurer, but one other should be mentioned. Mrs. Catlin has presented the Alliance with a full set of WORD AND WORK, including the Monthly Report which was sent out during an interregnum when WORD AND WORK was not issued. The volumes are uniformly bound and are invaluable for reference. This is but one of the many instances in which the former treasurer has shown her continued remembrance and love for the Alliance.

This then is our reckoning. Nothing startling or new this whole year! But have we not gained something? We have not yet reached the summit but we are nearer. Each year shows new indications of the strength of our organization. Not in new branches, not in larger numbers, not in money alone, but in the increasing unity of purpose, that national unity which is the secret of our strength.

More and more we consider ourselves as soldiers of a great army taking our orders from those, who having sight of the whole field will see to it that no effort is misapplied.

This means increasing power and responsibility for the Executive Board. To strengthen and conserve the whole body by maintaining close relations with the individual branches, to extend far and wide a knowledge of Alliance principles and methods, to help everywhere those who are trying to make known or keep alive our faith, to prevent the work from being narrowed to local interests or scattered in directions momentarily fancied, to guide without dictation or infringing upon the freedom of the branches, to inaugurate new movements when needed, this is the task of our wise president and her executive officers. To be of any use an executive board must always be in advance of the branches.

The branches also must be practical, intelligent partners in the business, alive to all modern methods and not shrinking from every trifling sacrifice in the fiulfilment of their mission.

Our Alliance was constructed with noble and unselfish purpose. Its maintenance requires that each one of us shall be answerable for her share in its progress.

These splendid annual gatherings, now so long continued have done much to deepen interest and increase faithfulness in the great work in which we are all engaged, and which it is evident that for its own growth and progress every church so much needs. Before another year, not one liberal church should be without an Alliance branch, nor should there be one Unitarian woman who is not also an Alliance woman. The Alliance, the Church, the Unitarian faith never needed more loyal service than now. Let 18,000 women give it!

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The Annual Meeting

The opening paragraph of the secretary's annual report sums up the important lines of progress in the most successful year the Young People's Religious Union has ever had: — "The year just passed has been rediddid results of the Fifth Biennial Bazaar."

The annual reports will be printed and distributed. One of the most important lines of actions of the annual meeting was in the matter of incorporation. Mr. Percy A. Atherton, chairman of the committee on incorporation, reported for the committee. The necessary papers are drawn in legal form, and the meeting voted that the Young People's Religious Union be incorporated. This vote of the meeting will be carried out forthwith.

Delegates were present, not only from the New England States but from more distant states and Canada. The meeting was large, and the interest in the annual business was keen.

After the business session, the Boston Federation tendered a reception to the past and present officers. Later this federation, with its customary hospitality, provided refreshments for the assembled delegates.

At the evening session a choir of young people, of the Boston Federation, sang three anthems, and the president conducted a service of worship. Addresses were made by three men who have been active this year in field work for the Union,—

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ous impulse which expresses itself in social service. Mr. Foote made a strong plea for the extension of the work of the Union for the churches in college towns, especially in employing students as assistants for the ministers for work among the students. Mr. Saunderson spoke on the worth, to the coming generation, of the broad fellowship of this organization of young people of liberal faith.

Life Memberships

The seven new members for the past month bring the total for the year to 161.

The following are the latest additions:

155. Mrs. Edward Cummings, Cambridge, Mass.; 156. Mrs. Wm. J. Rotch, New Bedford, Mass.; 157. Mrs. Benjamin M. Jones, Belmont, Mass.; 158. Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, West Somerville, Mass.; 159. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Holden, Boston, Mass.; 160. Charles E. Ware, Esq., Fitchburg, Mass.; 161. George Wigglesworth, Esq., Milton, Mass.

Boston Federation

The annual meeting of the Boston federation was held Sunday, April 24, under the auspices of the Cudworth Guild, at the Church of Our Father, East Boston.

The following officers were elected for 1910-1911: President, Mr. Sidney L. Kimball of the Nathaniel Hall Society, Dorchester; Vice President, Mr. Frank C. Cook of the Cudworth Guild, East Boston; Secretary, Miss Edwina E. Reynolds of the Channing Guild, Dorchester; and

addressed by Rev. George H. Reed of Belmont, Mr. Percy A. Atherton of Boston, and Rev. Palfrey Perkins of Brighton.

HARRIET E. UNDERHILL,
Secretary.

South Middlesex Federation

The meeting was called to order in the First Parish Church, Concord, Mass., by the president, Rev. Harry Lutz. Rev. Alson H. Robinson of Newton Centre, led a devotional service, after which the roll was called, taking up the subject of the afternoon "The Line of Advance."

The roll call was answered by the unions in response to the question "What Are You Doing to Aid the Advance?" These responses brought out the fact that several of the churches are without settled ministers, and the young people have had something of a task to hold their organizations together. In two other parishes new ministers have been recently installed and one parish is soon to lose its long settled minister to a broad, public service. One new guild, however, has been added; and during the year $150 had been raised by one guild, $100 by another, and $40 by still another. Such a year must be called successful in the best sense—for it has demonstrated the ability of the young people of the new generation to meet adverse conditions and plan their own advance.

Rev. Edward Cummings then addressed the conference on "The His address em-

kingdom of heaven at hand"—God's kingdom on earth.

He was followed by Mr. Sanford Bates who spoke of "Backing Up the Line of Advance."

Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson succeeded him, and closed the consideration of the subject by some stirring words about ammunition, saying that the Y. P. R. U. has a definite purpose to fulfil,—a definite duty to perform,—to carry on and uphold the standards of the liberal faith.

On motion of Miss Melvin it was voted "that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to investigate the Friendly Service Committee work of the Boston Federation, and report to the South Middlesex Federation at its annual meeting in October.

Rev. Loren B. MacDonald then conducted a devotional service and prayer. Rev. Thomas Van Ness, one of the founders of the Y. P. R. U., and its first president, preached to the conference an impressive sermon upon the imminence of God—the absolute necessity for a belief in his laws that would stand the test of daily life, and the value of the rewards of righteous living—life more abundant, life everlasting.

JOSEPHINE BRUORTON,
Secretary.

North Worcester Federation

The eleventh annual meeting of the North Worcester Federation was

The following list of officers was elected: President, Rev. Abbot Peterson, Lancaster; vice president, Miss Helen W. Greenwood, Leominster; secretary, Miss Rena Carter, West Berlin; and treasurer, Mr. J. Kimball Eager, Fitchburg.

The three addresses of the afternoon were given by Rev. F. J. Gauld on "Being in Earnest," by Rev. R. F. Leavens of Fitchburg on "Civil and Religious Liberty;" and by Miss Fannie E. Austin of the Universalist Church of Leominster, her subject being "Service."

Lunch was served by the Leominster young people, after which a full religious service was held, Rev. F. J. Gauld presiding, assisted by Rev. R. F. Leavens and Rev. F. R. Gale. A very eloquent and helpful sermon was preached by Rev. E. F. Hayward of Marlboro.

HELEN W. GREENWOOD,
Secretary.

South Worcester Federation

The spring meeting of this federation was held with the Parkman Guild of Westboro on Sunday, April 24.

The afternoon session opened at 4.30 with the president, Mr. Harry Newman, in the chair. Miss Dorothy Smith welcomed the federation in behalf of the entertaining union.

The paper of the afternoon was given by Mr. Richard K. Newman of